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BILLS FAIL LS TEST

'WRATH OF WOMEN' LOOMS AS LOSS BY 298:230 DRAWS BATTLE LINES

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE battle over the women's reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha on Friday went far beyond the arithmetic of 298 votes in favour and 230 against. It unfolded as a tightly calibrated political contest over narrative, constituency-building, and the future architecture of representation, with the government invoking the "wrath of women" in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and beyond, and the Opposition warning that the measure masked a larger attempt to redraw India's electoral map.

For the BJP-led government, the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 was not merely a legislative proposal but an electoral statement. Hours before the vote, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed directly to MPs, urging them to rise above partisan divides.

Home minister Amit Shah amplified the political framing, explicitly positioning women as a decisive electoral constituency that could shape outcomes across multiple election cycles. Warning of sustained political consequences, he said Opposition parties would face the "wrath of women" not only in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, but "at every level, in every election, and at every place," signalling an attempt to convert women's reservation into a durable political theme anchored in the BJP's governance narrative and Modi's personal popularity among women voters.

Conscience vote call

"Please reflect upon your conscience, remembering the women in your own families... Let us ensure that the women, who are half of the nation's population, receive their rightful due," Modi appealed.

Shah directly named the Congress, DMK, TMC, and other Opposition parties, linking their resistance to the upcoming electoral battles. The subtext: resistance would be framed as opposition to women's empowerment, with the BJP seeking to consolidate women as a cross-cutting constituency cutting across caste and region.

The government's argument rested on two assertions — that women's quota is inseparable from delimitation for its early rollout, and that concerns about regional imbalance, particularly fears of the South losing representation, are misplaced. Shah sought to neutralise that anxiety, insisting that representation would not decline and that "no state will face a loss of seats," positioning delimitation as a much needed structural correction.

The Opposition, however, rejected the premise entirely. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi described the bill as a structural redesign masked as reform. The Opposition positioned itself not against women's reservation, but against what it described as its "sequencing design". By the time the bill failed to secure a two-thirds majority, it had already taken on a dual life. For the government, it was a forward-looking attempt to build a long-term narrative centred on women. For the Opposition, it became a rare point of convergence, an issue framed not as rejection of women's reservation, but as resistance to the design of delimitation itself.

Hectic parleys and discreet messages

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

HECTIC parleys and discreet back channel negotiations preceded the crucial vote. With the odds stacked against it, the NDA tasked BJP leaders who enjoy personal rapport with Opposition leaders with mustering support for the bill.

As for the Opposition, senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi worked the phones to ensure Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress aligns with the Opposition's stand on the bill. Sources said Rahul spoke to TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee, while Kharge called up Mamata.

According to BJP sources, senior leaders were roped in to beat the numbers game in the Lok Sabha. Ministers and senior BJP leaders, along with leaders of other NDA allies, were in touch with Opposition parties, albeit in a discreet manner. Within NDA, several rounds of strategic meetings were held to see if the voting could yield the desired results. Sources said senior leaders J P Nadda and Rajnath Singh were also involved in talks with Opposition parties.

Hours before the voting on Friday, it became evident that the NDA's collective efforts to overcome the Opposition's numerical strength would not succeed. However, NDA continued to work behind the scenes to win support through other means, including cross-voting.

Soon after the voting, NDA leaders met to deliberate on the post-vote strategy. The meeting, also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, decided to target the Opposition parties for their "anti-women" stance, sources said. Another NDA meeting is scheduled on Saturday, followed by a Cabinet meeting at 11.30 am, sources said.

PIC: PTI

An attempt to change electoral map: Rahul

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Constitution amendment bill has nothing to do with women's reservation but is an attempt to change India's electoral map so that the BJP can retain power forever, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Friday said.

Participating in the debate in Lok Sabha, he said the proposal does not address women's empowerment and called it a "shameful act".

He said the opposition supports women's reservation, but not in this manner. "We will help pass it for implementation from this very moment. What is being presented now as the women's bill is something else, and the truth about it needs to be told."

He also took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi using an anecdote about a magic show he watched as a child, drawing strong protests from BJP MPs. Defence minister Rajnath Singh said Rahul must apologise. P9

MLA Kulkarni, 15 others get life term

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FORMER minister and Congress MLA from the Dharwad constituency Vinay Kulkarni and 15 others were sentenced to life imprisonment in the 2016 murder of zilla panchayat member Yogesh Goudar. Another convict, police inspector Channakeshava B Tingarikar, was sentenced to seven-year imprisonment by the special court on Friday. On Wednesday, the special court for sitting and former MPs and MLAs had convicted 17 accused on charges of murder, criminal conspiracy, destruction of evidence and other offences. P4

9 of family burnt alive as car hits bus

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi/Yadgir

NINE persons of a family were charred to death, while a child survived with critical injuries when the car in which they were travelling crashed into a private bus near Shantpur Cross of Shorapur taluk (Surpur) of Yadgir district on Friday.

Yadgir SP Pruthvik Shankar said 10 people -- five adults and five children, including a one-and-a-half-year-old kid -- were travelling in a Kia Sonnet car. All the occupants of the car, except a ten-year-old, died. The deceased were from Sirwar town of Raichur district. They were returning home after visiting Venugopala Swamy temple at Shorapur. P7

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- **Nakshatra:** Ashwini 10.46 am • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
- **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER — MIN 21°C | MAX 35°C — **FORECAST** Cloudy

Sunrise 06.05 am | Sunset 06.32 pm | Moonrise 06.26 am | Moonset 06.30 pm

GBA POLLS LIKELY TO BE PUT OFF AGAIN

State govt cites SIR, National Census duties for staff, proposes September 30 deadline

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@ Bengaluru

THE state government has yet again found a reason to delay holding elections to five city corporations of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

This time, it has reasoned that due to the deployment of 26,616 staff to conduct the National Census (household listing), and Special Intensive Revision (SIR), it cannot take up preparatory work for the elections. The Supreme Court had ordered that elections to the five corporations be completed before June 30.

In a government proposal dated April 15, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms secretary stated that the overlap of Census work and SIR places simultaneous demands on the administrative and field-level workforce. He was referring to earlier communication from the Greater Bengaluru Authority chief commissioner to the State Election Commission (SEC). That apart, Class 10 and 12 supplementary examinations in May-June will also require deployment of government personnel, adding to the overall administrative burden.

"Since the entire administrative and field machinery is currently engaged in the Census, and it is expected that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter list will also be carried out simultaneously in the ongoing electoral operations, I am directed to request for extension of the election deadline to September 30, 2026, to properly manage election preparations of urban local bodies of Greater Bengaluru region," the proposal to the SEC read.

The communication comes in the backdrop of the GBA chief commissioner's submission to the SEC and chief secretary on April 4, seeking extension. As per sources, an affidavit will now be filed before the Supreme Court, justifying the deferment of elections. TNIE had earlier reported that the government would find reasons not to delay elections.

Reacting to the development, civic activist Sandeep Anirudhan said, "The postponement of elections was expected, and we are absolutely certain that this drama will go on for a few more years. The State government will not allow elections to take place. They haven't allowed it for the past five years, they won't allow it for as long as they can find excuses. The politicians of Karnataka have no interest in empowering grassroots politics in Bengaluru. That is the reason they have conducted so many delimitation exercises over the past few years, splitting of corporations and the GBA Act -- all of these were merely excuses to avoid elections."

Chairman of Aam Aadmi Party, Bengaluru East, Ashok Mruthyunjaya slammed the government's proposal to delay municipal elections as "murder of democracy". We reject the use of Census operations and electoral roll revision as convenient excuses to prolong an unelected "bureaucratic raj" that avoids public accountability. While the administration claims manpower shortage due to statutory duties, this is a deliberate strategy to keep Bengaluru's massive development funds under the exclusive control of MLAs and ministers. The citizens of Bengaluru have been denied local representation for far too long; we demand that the State Election Commission reject this extension and restore the people's constitutional right to an elected local government immediately, he said.

Sources in the GBA say that by September, the government may bring in internal reservation issue to further delay elections.

BWSSB India's first water utility to get coveted ISO certification

Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has officially become the first water utility board in India to be awarded the internationally recognised ISO 50001:2018 certification. The certification, officially issued on April 14 by Bureau Veritas, a testing, inspection and certification firm, recognises the board's outstanding energy management systems and its maintenance of massive bulk water supply pumping stations to international standards across all three critical locations: TK Halli, Harohalli and Tataguni. DCM DK Shivakumar said, "By managing systems across these massive bulk water supply pumping stations, BWSSB is not only setting a remarkable national benchmark but also ensuring that we deliver highly efficient, reliable and uninterrupted water services to millions of citizens." **ENS**

SSLC THIRD LANGUAGE

Answer scripts to be valuated, not graded: State to HC

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IN view of the state government itself informing that valuation of SSLC examination answer scripts of the academic year 2025-26 will be conducted as per norms prevailing on the date of issue of notification for the examination, the Karnataka High Court directed the state to follow the same by valuating answer scripts of the third language, instead of bringing in the grading system.

Justice ES Indiresh passed the order on April 15, after recording the statement by the government advocate in response to a petition filed by three students, expressing apprehension about the recent remark made by Minister for Primary and Secondary Education introducing the grading system in valuating the third language of the SSLC examination.

The three students, Sahana R Naik of Chikkamagaluru district, Anusha and Sudhiksha of Udupi district, who appeared for the recently held SSLC exams, moved the high court seeking directions to the state to follow the circular dated October 28, 2025, issued by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, about the valuation of answer scripts.

When the matter was taken up for hearing, the additional government advocate submitted that valuation for the SSLC examination will be conducted as per the circular prevailing as of the date of examination.

Recording the same, the court directed the state to conduct the valuation of the recently conducted SSLC examination as per the existing rules prevailing on the date of issue of examination notification for the academic year 2025-26.

The court noted that the state shall not change the procedure of valuation without the existence of rules or circular issued on the date of notification to conduct the examination. It is a well-settled principle in law that there shall be no change in the rules of the game midway, the court said, disposing of the petition.

Citing a division bench judgment in support of its order, the court said the rules prevailing on the date of issue of notification for examination shall prevail, and any subsequent modification is contrary to Article 14 of the Constitution.

Contractors to face music for not performing

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IN response to the increasing solid waste management issues at Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC), Commissioner KN Ramesh held a high-level meeting with senior officials of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) department and directed officials to initiate action against underperforming contractors.

"Contractors who fail to perform satisfactorily should be given notice for termination of the contract. Also, impose heavy fines on those found littering on the roads," said Ramesh.

To ensure the city's cleanliness, the Commissioner directed the listing of bulk waste generators. The engineers were directed to ensure that waste collection is being handled strictly through authorised empanelled vendors.

Apart from that, instructions were given regarding the daily performance of Auto Tippers (ATs) and compactors. The Commissioner also directed a close watch on the attendance and responsibilities of Marshals, Link Workers, and supervisors of Pourakarmikas (PKs).

As the use of single-use banned plastic has not been arrested due to which garbage pile, leachate and other menace has increased, the commissioner told the engineers to strictly enforce the ban on single-use plastic. Officials were instructed to conduct frequent raids on shops and commercial establishments.

ALL SPRUCED UP

On March 23, TNIE highlighted how pedestrians were put to inconvenience due to sewage overflowing on the road adjacent to Freedom Park. Now, the stagnated water has been drained and the drains fixed, ensuring smooth commute for road users | KEVIN NASHON

E-city set to host ₹20-cr AI Centre of Excellence

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IN a significant step towards strengthening Karnataka's leadership in emerging technologies, the state cabinet has approved the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence in Biotechnology (AI-CoE) at the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) at Electronics City Phase 1. The centre will be set up over a period of four years with a total outlay of Rs 20 crore, in partnership with IBAB and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP).

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, "Karnataka has consistently been at the forefront of technological innovation. As we enter the decade of deep tech, our focus is on building future-ready capabilities at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and biotechnology. The Centre of Excellence will strengthen our research ecosystem, accelerate innovation and enable Karnataka to lead in high-impact, next-generation technologies."

Transfer of 51% stake in KTIMF

The cabinet has approved the transfer of a 51% stake in the Karnataka Technology & Innovation Museum Foundation (KTIMF) to Unboxing BLR Foundation. The Technology & Innovation Museum will be developed at the NGEF campus in Baiyappanahalli under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, with a total project cost of Rs 100 crore.

EXPRESS READ

BNCC distributes cooling kits to pourakarmikas

Bengaluru: With rising heat conditions in the city, Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC), in collaboration with C40, initiated the 'Heat-Health Protocol' for civic workers. A training programme was held on Friday and cooling kits, comprising a temperature and humidity checker, neck collar fan, water bottle and hand sleeves, were distributed to pourakarmikas in Nagawara and HBR Layout as part of a pilot. ASHA workers, dry waste collection centre staff and pourakarmikas were sensitised about the precautionary measures that they should take. **ENS**

After kidney transplant, student scores 98% in II PU exams

BENGALURU: Triumphing against all odds, Dhanush M Poojary, a 17-year-old student of Government PU College in Bidadi, scored 98% in II PU exam-1 recently. He was on dialysis for two years and got a kidney transplant in 2021. Dhanush did not let his condition deter him. He credits his success to his mother Jayalakshmi Poojary, who donated her kidney to him, Doctor Vidya Shankar P, who saved his life and his college for full support. He said he never took any tuition. With encouragement from everyone and post-transplant care, he remained confident and excelled in the exams. The family from Mangaluru moved to Bengaluru based on a relative's suggestion for better care and treatment for Dhanush. **ENS**

DCM, PWD min discuss plans to ease city traffic

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TO look for a solution to the city's worsening traffic congestion, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar held talks with Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Friday.

Speaking to reporters at his residence after the meeting, Shivakumar said the discussion focused on reducing traffic flow through the city, especially on the heavily congested Nelamangala-Goraguntepalya stretch. He noted that a large number of vehicles currently pass through Bengaluru, adding to the burden on city roads. He said they discussed plans to divert vehicles via national and state highways to prevent unnecessary entry into the city. The ministers also reviewed possible arrangements to regulate traffic before it reaches the NICE Road.

Shivakumar said the government has already taken up the Bengaluru Business Corridor project, which is expected to play a key role in easing traffic congestion.

DCM DK Shivakumar and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi hold talks on the city's traffic woes at Kumara Park on Friday

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

18th April : Between New Moon and New Season; Liminal Space The hallway. The waiting room. Middle school. Purgatory. Liminal spaces feel eerie to some, while others don't mind or may even prefer the in-between to the main event. It is, after all, the anticipation that holds sweet hope, dread or a swarm of butterflies that could go either way. In the stretch between what was and what will be, we are both formed and unfinished.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
History blows everything up to mythic proportion. But do not forget that the world was built by people just like you -- people who contributed their ideas and added to the ideas of others. Keep adding resources to the thought.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
True bosses at life realize there's always a certain amount of upkeep necessary to keep things rolling. The car needs an oil change, the collaborator needs a compliment, the plant needs water, the air filters need replacing. Handling it feels good.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Don't leave an issue unresolved. Get everything out on the table. Resolution can happen through discussion, but it can also happen through acceptance. It doesn't need two people. It can just be within you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Whatever the endeavor, the plan is the same. Study it, break it down, practice the moves. Repetition creates mastery. Don't worry: Things will not get boring. A mischievous character will add spice and excitement.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Maybe on the surface you seem like an ordinary person in an ordinary day, but you know what's really going on today. You're the main character. The camera is absolutely on you. The scene is compelling because you play it like no other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
For security guards, a good part of the job is just staying awake. So they do the rounds, walk the perimeters, do system checks. It gives a signal to themselves and the world -- we care, we protect, we're ready.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
People give advice they need to hear. They condemn faults they share. Instead of what's there, they see what they want to see, or what they're looking for, or simply themselves. To be human is to be self-centered. Can you forgive it?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Each person has a positivity set point. Anyone asking you to deviate very far from yours will be missing the benefit of your highly original, insightful views. Keep track of your bright insights and amusing complaints.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
This era of your life hasn't been easy, but it's an unskippable part of your story. Important things are happening now. Every day you move through this chapter you get hotter, wiser and a little more unstoppable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Big brains make room for multiple theories, as there are many things that could be true at once. You hold possibilities lightly, test them in motion and let experience, not assumption, guide you to a conclusion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Use what works. Life wants you to adopt the methods that help you do the thing. No need to borrow trouble or perform effort. There are enough genuine challenges around. Today, take the easy way.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You'll underplay your hand, and that's a modesty which is actually very telling. It says you don't need validation. It says you've accomplished more than you care to discuss. Even total strangers sense that you're someone to know.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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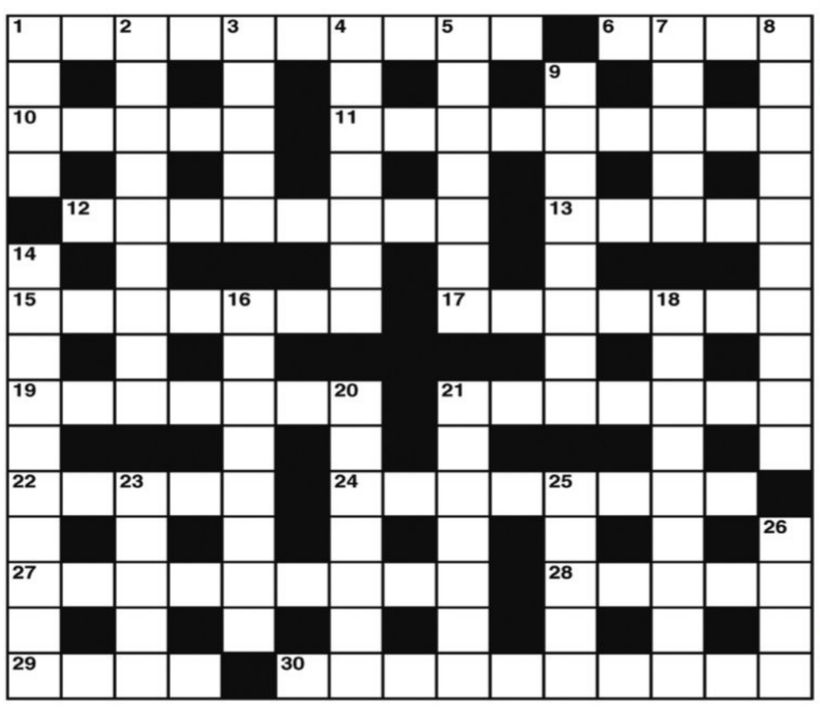

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Bottom of the flying class? (10)
6 He shows Sam there's nothing to be upset about (4)
10 Soundly examine a European language (5)
11 Tradesman shows how he hopes to leave hospital? (9)
12 Once said to be a bishop (8)
13 Share out everyone has to go back for (5)
15 Type that has the right inclination (7)
17 A returned high ball is hard to stop (7)
19 Take a liberty? (7)
21 The month's weather forecast for London district (7)
22 Deserted area is in a bad way (5)
24 Final change of venue at Latvian capital (8)
27 Mix the meat with it then (2,3,4)
28 Giant bird on a pole (5)
29 A bit of a teaser but no real difficulty (4)
30 Worker in biblical community went to America (5,5)

DOWN
1 A burning issue that's illuminating (4)
2 They're a blend of the main races (9)
3 There's a moral in the thickness of thieves (5)
4 Look in public transport for what women wear (7)
5 Change round at domed building (7)
7 One may be driven to sleep here (5)
8 Carriers of bricks (10)
9 Threatening to readjust my ration (8)
14 Useful outlet if housewarming gets out of hand (4,6)
16 Thought that I made gin perhaps (8)
18 I can't earn redress as the race was easily won (2,1,6)
20 Girl gives the first mate a nil return (7)
21 Film star who saved men in watery ditches (3,4)
23 Comments written on the staff (5)
25 A symbol to be encountered coming up (5)
26 Old South American found in California (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Blow-out, 5 Run up, 8 Perpetual, 9 Fee, 10 Deal, 12 Duty-free, 14 Reform, 15 Annoys, 17 Grateful, 18 Used, 21 Lac, 22 Insolvent, 24 Auden, 25 Retired.

Down: 1 Biped, 2 Oar, 3 Over, 4 Taurus, 5 Relaying, 6 Nefarious, 7 Peeress, 11 Affianced, 13 Friesian, 14 Regalia, 16 Hussar, 19 Dated, 20 Clot, 23 Ear.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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This is going to take forever.
Just take them one at a time. We'll power through it.
THE BEST WAY FOR THE ELECTRICIANS TO INSTALL SO MANY OUTLETS WAS TO KEEP ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOIST ADULT BLURRY FENNEL
Answer: When they compared the two drum sets, the cheap one was — BEATEN SOUNDLY

A rowdy-sheeter involved in nine criminal cases, including six cases of attempt to murder, was externed from KGF under preventive action by the police. KGF SP Shivanshu Rajput said the accused, Abhishek (25), was repeatedly involved in serious offences. He secured a bail in multiple cases and continued his criminal activities. As part of the externment order, he is relocated to Haveri city

PDO, YouTube news channel owner held for ₹1.2L bribery

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KALLALGHATTA Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Geethamani in Nelamangala and a YouTube news channel owner Ganghadhar, who acted as a middleman, were caught red-handed by the Lokayukta police while accepting a bribe of Rs 1.20 lakh for the transfer of khata.

Officials said that the complainant, Faizulla Sab, approached the Lokayukta police, unable to pay the bribe of Rs 1.50 lakh demanded by the accused for the transfer of khata. The Lokayukta police registered a complaint and laid the trap.

As per the instructions of the PDO, the complainant handed over the bribe money to Ganghadhar in Nelamangala town. The police arrested both the accused and recovered the bribe money.

Woman's skeleton found on farm, ex-lover main suspect

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THE skeletal remains of a 38-year-old missing woman were found on a private property in Sompura village along NH-48 on Thursday. The woman had gone missing since March 21. The land owner, who had gone to perform a puja at his field, found the skull and other skeletal remains and reported the matter to Dabaspet police.

The deceased has been identified as Yamuna, a resident of Basaveshwara Layout in Kyathasandra of Tumakuru. She was working in a private firm near Halenijagal for the past seven months. She had been married to Mallikarjun for 19 years, and was mother to two children. On March 21, Yamuna did not return home from work. Two days before she went missing, she had celebrated her 38th birthday with her husband and children.

After her family's repeated attempts to trace her failed, her husband filed a missing complaint in Kyathasandra police station of Tumakuru district. Yamuna is suspected to be a victim of an illicit relationship.

"The skeletal remains were seen by the farm owner Umesh on his field near Sompura in Nandihalli village. The jurisdictional Dabaspet police who reached the spot saw the skeletal remains, along with a bag which had her clothes, company identity card and Aadhaar card. The documents helped the police identify the victim," said an officer.

The belongings of Yamuna (inset), found in Sompura on Thursday

Police suspect the woman could be the victim of an illicit relationship. After marriage, Yamuna is said to have been in a relationship with Raghavendra, a native of Kodigehalli village in Doddaballapur taluk. Her husband is also from the same place. Yamuna had left her husband and children and was in a live-in relationship with Raghavendra for six to seven years. When her relationship with Raghavendra soured, she returned to her husband and children. Raghavendra is accused of forcing her to return to him, and had reportedly issued death threats to her husband and children if she declined.

Yamuna had celebrated her birthday on March 19 with her family. Raghavendra allegedly forced her to celebrate her birthday with him too. The police, while checking CCTV footage in the vicinity, came across footage of Yamuna walking with Raghavendra. A search is on for Raghavendra. Police suspect the duo might have had a heated argument, following which the accused killed her and threw her body in the field that had been fenced, and escaped.

Drunk man test-drives EV, crashes into man, 4 cars

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FOUR cars were damaged and one person sustained injuries after a person took a demo electric car for a test drive and crashed into them in Mahadevapura traffic police limits on Sunday. It is said that he was heavily drunk, but the car showroom staff did not realise it and allowed him to take the car out.

The accused, Abhilash, took the electric car from the showroom located in Vigneshwar Nagar for a drive near MLR Convention Centre in Garudacharpalya, around 6.30pm. He hit a pedestrian and then rammed four cars. Passersby beat up Abhilash and informed the police.

"He was driving in a rash manner. He first hit a pedestrian, Shubham Ramesh Ghatapani (31) and then crashed into four cars. Shubham suffered a leg fracture and is undergoing treatment. The accused, who was also assaulted, is undergoing treatment in a private hospital," an officer said.

Traffic police issued notice to the car showroom, seeking an explanation for allowing a drunk man to take a test drive. The driver of one of the damaged cars has filed the complaint with police. An FIR was registered against the accused under BNS 125(a) for endangering the life or personal safety of others, and BNS 281 for rash driving on a public way.

EXPRESS READ

Man gets six years in jail for peddling ganja

MANGALURU: The Principal District and Sessions Court sentenced T E Joseph(42), a resident of Belthangady, to six years rigorous imprisonment besides imposing a fine of ₹50,000 on him in connection with a ganja transportation and peddling case in 2009. Joseph was absconding for nearly 17 years. He was found in possession of 1.5 kg of ganja at the time of arrest. ENS

Key accused held for Rs 16 cr fraud at KIADB

BALLARI: In connection with an alleged Rs 16.17 crore fraud at the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board office in Ballari, the Ballari Police have arrested prime accused Santosh Kumar (33) for diverting funds from the board's account by forging signatures. The amount was transferred to accounts of individuals not associated with the board. ENS

NCB destroys 128kg drugs worth ₹38 cr in disposal drive

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THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Bengaluru Zonal Unit, on Friday destroyed 128.75 kg of seized narcotic substances, estimated at Rs 38 crore, as part of a drug disposal drive.

The contraband linked to 13 cases included ganja, hydroponic ganja, cocaine, methamphetamine, MDMA and THC. The disposal was carried out through incineration at a certified facility in Hoskote following environmental compliance.

The process was overseen by a Drug Disposal Committee chaired by Sachin Ghorpade, Zonal Director of NCB Bengaluru, with members including Raja Imam Kasim P, DCP (Crime-2) for Bengaluru City, and Aravind M R, Assistant Director of NCB. Officials from the State Pollution Control Board were present to ensure adherence to environmental norms. This is the second such drive in 2026, totalling 1,735 kg of drugs worth Rs 49 crore destroyed this year.

The contraband before the disposal at a certified facility in Hoskote | EXPRESS

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru - 560 001.
O.A. No. 403 / 2023

Between :
State Bank of India ... Applicant
And :
Mr. Thrilok Chakravathi .C.N. ... Respondent

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Thrilok Chakravathi .C.N. S/o. Sri. Chinnanarayanaswamy
2. Sri. Chinnanarayanaswamy S/o. Late Sri. Patel Shettappa
3. Smt. K. Shyamala W/o. Sri. Chinnanarayanaswamy
4. Smt. C.N. Tejaswini D/o. Sri. Chinnanarayanaswamy
All are R/at No. 5-132, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Doddabommasandra, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097.

WHEREAS, the applicant herein has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you before this **Hon'ble Tribunal for Recovery** of a sum of **Rs. 42,13,259/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) under Loan Account No.s 64111100425 & 64034859423 as on 27.10.2022** together with current and future interest at the rate of **7.40% p.a.** with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of **2% p.a.** and **from 28.10.2022** till the date of payment realization in full.

You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed within 30 days or **on 14-05-2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **09-04-2026**

Seal

Office of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)
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POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No. : HTL - 62331779566

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **13.01.2026** and same was published in Two leading Newspaper "The New Indian Express and Samyuktha Karnataka" on 05.02.2026 and calling upon the **Borrower/s : 1) Sri. Philip Desmond Ward** S/o Sri.James Ward **2) Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward** S/o Sri.Philip Desmond Ward **3) Smt.J Sushma** W/o Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward, **All are residing at :** No. 280, Opp. to Navadeep School, 1st Cross, Gayathri Layout, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036. **And also at : i)** No. 46, Khatha No. 61/5/7/46, Devasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560036. **ii) Sri. Colin Kenneth Ward,** H P Global E-Business Operations Pvt. Ltd., 39, HP Avenue, Electronic City Phase 2, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100. **iii) Smt. J Sushma,** Capgemini India Pvt. Ltd., Crescent 2, Prestige Shantiniketan, Whitefield Main Road, Sadaramanagala, Bangalore-560048. **iv) Smt. J Sushma,** No. 9, Guru Krupa, 1st Floor, Canara Bank Road, Brindavan Extension, Mysore-570020 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 32,25,576/-** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Six only) as on 12.01.2026 + interest from 13.01.2026 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/ mortgager(s)/ guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **16.04.2026.**

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 33,25,900/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred only) as on 14.04.2026 and interest from 15.04.2026 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable property : All that piece and parcel of house built in Site No.46, ITI Notified Area Khatha No.61/5/7/46, situated at Devasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, ITI Notified Area, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet with building there on held in the name of "Sri.Philip Desmond Ward S/o Sri.James Ward" and bounded on : East by : House Site No. 45, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : House Site No. 47.

Date : 16.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore.**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Electrical (General), Construction, Egmore, Chennai.
Tender Notice No: E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT-04-2026-27, Dt:15.04.2026.

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/General / Construction / Southern Railway / Egmore, Chennai 600008 invites E-Tender for the following Work.

Name of the work: RMM/Rameswaram: Provision of Electrical Arrangements for Proposed new Platform & Shelters (Road-5), New Pitline (602m), Yard, S&T service buildings & Huts at RMM Railway Station, Works - Contract.

Tender Notice No. and Date	**E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT-04-2026-27, Dt: 15.04.2026.**
Period of Completion	6 Months
Approximate Cost of Work	Rs. 2,45,05,393.23/-
Cost of Tender form	Nil
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 4,90,100/-
Tender Closing Date & Time	11/05/2026 & 11:00
Tender Opening Date & Time	11/05/2026 & 11:30

Complete details can be seen on **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer,
Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai - 8.
(For and on behalf of President of India)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY — **SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS "THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"**

Tender Notice No. S/2026/15 **Date : 16.04.2026**

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on **www.ireps.gov.in** site as follows.

Sr.	Tender No	Brief Description	Qty.	Unit	Due Date
1	37263065	Spares of APM (EL-60) KBI Make or Similar consisting of 30 items	1509	Set	05.05.2026
2	40261848	THIN WALLED E-BEAM IRRADIATED FLEXIBLE CABLE	13791	MTR	11.05.2026
3	30262244A	BRAKE DISC FOR LHB COACHES	427	Nos	11.05.2026
4	65255030	Design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Electric Overhead Traveling crane of Capacity 35/5T-ABR	01	Nos	11.05.2026
5	37261001	Kit for constant contact polyurethane side bearer pad assembly.	5373	Set	12.05.2026
6	36252667	Motor Suspension Unit Complete for 1400HP DEMU/DPC	107	Nos	13.05.2026
7	30260618	POH KIT DISC BRAKE UNIT	693	Set	15.05.2026
8	30264995	Silent block for brake caliper of LHB coaches	348	Nos	18.05.2026
9	40255216A	66/27 KV Traction Power Transformer	02	Nos	19.05.2026
		Capitalistion of Transformer losess	02	Nos	
10	6325ENG69	Running contract for manufactury and supply of psc sleepers,T-4865	190	Set	19.05.2026
11	6325ENG81	Running contract for Manufacture and Supply of Isolated/offsize PSC Sleepers, T-4218, T-4865, T-6068	29420	Metre	25.05.2026
12	6325ENG53	Manufacture & Supply of 6 mm thick Pocket Type Nylon Cord Reinforced Grooved Rubber Sole Plates (NCR GRSP) Drg.T-4865	950	Set	08.06.2026

CORRIGENDUM

S. No.	Tender no.	NIT No.	Description	mendment in Tender no. Measurement Unit		NIT Condition
				Existing Unit	Revised Unit	
1	6325ENG 43	S/2026/12 दिनांक : 28.03.2026	Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Pocket Type Nylon Cord Reinforced Grooved Rubber Sole Plates (NCR GRSP) for 60 Kg lin12 Turnouts with OR Curved Switch on PSC Sleepers to RDSO Drg. No.T-4218	Number	Set	Measure-ment Unit Change

Note : **(1)** Interested tenderers may visit the website **ireps.gov.in** for Full details/description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. **(2)** For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 50 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** 561-DR/26

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FOCUS FEATURE

UMAPATHI V & SHREE MALLIKARJUNA TRAVELS | A JOURNEY OF FAITH, TRUST & TRANSFORMATION

In an industry often driven by transactions, Shree Mallikarjuna Travels has built a distinct identity rooted in trust, transparency and lived experience.

Founded in 2005 by Vishakanta Murthy, the company's journey began far from formal business settings. Born in the small village of Kudur, he moved to Bengaluru with a simple goal of supporting his family and building a stable future. What followed was not a conventional entrepreneurial path, but one shaped by observation, resilience and a willingness to adapt.

In its early years, the family was engaged in the electronics business, supplying equipment to government institutions. As market conditions changed, the need to pivot became evident. During this transition, a series of personal travel experiences revealed a gap in the tourism industry.

Travelling extensively across India in the late 2000s, Vishakanta Murthy encountered the realities of unstructured group travel. Poor coordination, unclear itineraries, inconsistent food arrangements and a lack of accountability often made journeys exhausting rather than fulfilling, especially for travellers unfamiliar with distant regions. Where others saw inconvenience, he saw opportunity.

The idea that shaped Shree Mallikarjuna Travels was simple. Travel should be comfortable, transparent and stress free.

What began as small, short distance tours driven by word of mouth gradually evolved into a structured operation. The early days were marked by uncertainty, with fluctuating bookings and last minute confirmations. However, a strong belief in doing things differently and a growing base of satisfied travellers helped the company move forward steadily.

A turning point came when Mysore Cements entrusted the company with organizing group tours. This opened the door to larger operations and strengthened its credibility in the market.

Over time, the company differentiated itself through a clear approach. At a time when many operators offered partial packages with hidden costs, Shree Mallikarjuna Travels introduced a model centred on transparency and customer first planning.

They were among the early adopters of flight inclusive group tours, significantly reducing travel fatigue. This was particularly beneficial for senior citizens, a key segment in pilgrimage travel. Journeys that once took several days became more efficient and comfortable.

Equally important was their all inclusive approach.

"If it is a package, it must be complete."

Flights, accommodation, food, local transport, entry tickets and even small on ground expenses were included upfront. This eliminated uncertainty and built long term trust among travellers.

The company also evolved with changing expectations. Improved hotel standards, twin sharing accommodations and the availability of familiar South Indian food in distant regions became part of their offering. Attention to detail and consistency remained central to the experience.

While the company is well known for pilgrimage tourism, covering destinations such as Kashi, Kedarnath, Amarnath and the Char Dham, its portfolio extends beyond spiritual travel. It curates leisure and experiential tours to destinations such as Ladakh, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Bhutan, along with select international group departures. This balance allows it to cater to both spiritual and holiday travellers.

Today, under the leadership of Umapathi V, Shree Mallikarjuna Travels has grown into a trusted brand, having served over four to five lakh travellers. With its headquarters in Bengaluru's Vijayanagar and a presence in Hubli, Davangere and Mysuru, the company continues to expand its footprint.

To maintain service quality, it has invested in an in house fleet. This allows better control over operations, punctuality and overall customer experience.

Despite its growth, the core philosophy remains unchanged. The company sees itself not just as a tour operator, but as a customer service organization.

This commitment has been tested repeatedly. During the COVID 19 pandemic, when travel came to a standstill, the company adapted cautiously, prioritizing safety while rebuilding customer confidence.

In April 2025, during the Pahalgam attack, around 40 tourists travelling with the company narrowly avoided danger. A landslide on the way to Pahalgam forced the group to turn back. This unexpected change kept them away from the site during the attack. The company's use of tempo travellers in hilly terrain also proved significant, as it avoided the need for passengers to switch to larger buses, which are often restricted in such regions.

In another instance, during Operation Sindoor, multiple airports across the country were shut as a precaution. Around 40 travellers scheduled to fly from Bengaluru to New Delhi were rerouted through Surat and Kolkata, ensuring continuity in their journey.

During the Indigo disruption in December 2025, the company once again demonstrated its commitment by coordinating directly with the airline and arranging alternative transport. It even bore additional costs to deploy its own buses and ensure stranded passengers reached their destinations smoothly.

Adding to its customer focused approach is the "Match the Price" scheme for domestic travel. Customers can compare tour pricing with competitors, and if a lower price is found for the same offering, the company matches it. This reinforces its emphasis on fairness and transparency.

From a modest beginning to a trusted name in travel, Shree Mallikarjuna Travels stands as a reflection of what belief, adaptability and honest service can achieve.

Here, travel is not just about reaching a destination. It is about experiencing it with trust, comfort and care.

For more information, please log on to: https://smttourpackages.com/ or log in to @shreemallikarjunatravels

LoP in Assembly R Ashoka has criticised the Karnataka Government, alleging that while the state is facing severe drought, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his Deputy DK Shivakumar are preoccupied with political power struggles

KERC ISSUES TRUE-UP POWER TARIFF ORDERS, BESCOM CONSUMERS TO PAY 56 P/UNIT MORE

CESC consumers will pay 15p/unit more; Those under MESCOM to get refund of 9p/unit

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COME May 1, consumers under the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (BESCOM) limits will have to cough up an additional 56 paise per unit for power, irrespective of the type of consumers.

For the first time in the state, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on Friday announced the true-up or top-up charges for all escoms, revising the power tariff with effect from the April billing cycle, but that will reflect in bills to be issued in May. As per KERC orders, Bescom consumers will pay the highest amount, followed by CESC (Mysuru) consumers at 15 paise per unit.

KERC stated that consumers in the MESCOM (Mangaluru) jurisdiction will get a refund of 9 paise per unit. Similarly, consumers in HESCOM (Hubballi) and GESCOM (Kalaburagi) will get a refund of 10 paise per unit. Consumers under the Hukkeri Rural Electric Corporation Society will get the highest refund of 155 paise per unit.

Bescom's jurisdiction spreads across Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Davanagere, Tumakuru, Chitradurga and Ramanagara districts.

KERC in March 2025 had announced a 7% hike in electricity bills and reduced the fixed charges by Rs 25 across the board. It had then frozen the revision for the next three financial years, but allowed true-up charges. It had also included a 36 paise per unit pension and gratuity surcharge (government's contribution) which was announced on March 19, 2025. This surcharge, apart from the hike and refund, will continue to be collected from consumers this financial year. It will, however, be revised to 35 paise per unit in FY 2027 and 34 paise in FY 2028.

The tariff revision left consumers agitated. Muralidhar Rao, a citizen and power activist, said monopoly and mismanagement at Bescom is making consumers pay more. "It is about time Bengaluru is separated from other tier-2 cities and rural areas, because there are no IP sets in Bengaluru city. The government should also look at adopting the public-private partnership (PPP) model for other cities for power supply. Privatisation will ensure affordable and efficient power supply. It should also be decentralised," he said.

Power expert MG Prabhakar said account books close on March 31. Advance taxes have already been paid. The revision now will hike the production cost, which will lead to losses to industrial and commercial consumers. The hike in power tariff will also burden domestic consumers, he added.

Defending the revision, a senior Bescom official, not wanting to be named, said, "It is not a hike, but a difference of 56 paise per unit that has to be collected from consumers towards revenue deficit for 2024-25 FY. We had appealed to KERC to address the revenue deficit of Rs 2,800 crore, which would have been an additional charge of 80 paise per unit. But KERC accounted for a deficit of Rs 2,068 crore, and consumers will bear an additional cost of 56 paise per unit."

Escoms had sought a tariff revision, citing the financial burden of IP sets, reduced rainfall, higher thermal energy allocation, power purchase costs and financial losses from the impact of domestic power tariff restructuring announced in the last KERC order.

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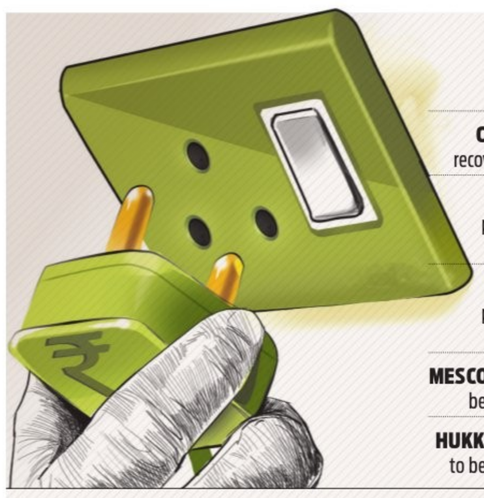
– A senior BESCOM official



BESCOM: 56 paise per unit recoverable from consumer

CESC: 15 paise per unit recoverable from consumer

HESCOM: 10 paise per unit to be refunded to consumer

GESCOM: 10 paise per unit to be refunded to consumer

MESCOM: 9 paise per unit to be refunded to consumer

HUKKERI: 155 paise per unit to be refunded to consumer

What is truing-up charge?

Every year, electric supply companies (Escoms) operate on the basis of projected costs and revenues approved by KERC through the annual tariff order. However, actual performance during the year may differ from these approved projections due to changes in consumer consumption patterns, tariff revisions, input costs and other operational factors. The Annual Performance Review (APR)/Truing-Up petition allows Escoms to reconcile the difference between approved estimates and actual outcomes. KERC reviews the petition and passes orders enabling ESCOMs to recover legitimate deficits from consumers.

Truing-up charges, reflecting in May 1 bills

ESCOM	Revenue sale of power	Annual Power Requirement	Surplus (S)/ Deficit(D) (in Rs Cr)
MESCOM	5,816.91	5,798.59	63.32 (S)
CESC	7,474.58	7,596.39	121.71 (D)
GESCOM	8,003.27	7,913.85	90.42 (S)
HESCOM	12,112.2	11,958.74	153.46 (S)
BESCOM	32,019.56	34,087.94	2,068.38 (D)

ESCOM	REVENUE SURPLUS FOR FY 24-25 (in Cr Rs)	Energy Sales (in MU)	Amount
Hukkeri	5.31	381.07	155p/unit refund
MESCOM	63.32	6,612.03	9p/unit refund
CESC	121.71	8,447.43	15p/unit recover
GESCOM	90.42	8,986.82	10p/unit refund
HESCOM	153.46	13,974.54	10p/unit refund
BESCOM	2,068.38	37,122.48	56p/unit recover

BYPOLL AFTERMATH

Party discipline as per high command norms: DKS

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, MPs Kanimozhi and S Jagathrakshakan and Thol. Thirumavalavan at Delhi airport on Friday. Taking to X, Shivakumar said that they held a brief discussion on the defeat of the delimitation bill in Lok Sabha | X

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC President DK Shivakumar on Friday said disciplinary actions within the Congress are taken strictly as per party norms and under the guidance of the central leadership.

Speaking to reporters before leaving for New Delhi to attend the 'Bridge to Bengaluru' event on Friday, Shivakumar said they all function within the party's framework. He said that the Congress is committed to ensuring justice for all sections, including the SCs, STs, minorities, backward classes and farmers.

He expressed confidence that the party will return to power in 2028, stating that leaders, including Satish Jarkiholi, are working unitedly towards that goal.

Responding to the alleged factionalism within the Congress, Shivakumar said there is no difference between him and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "We are together. We meet and discuss every day. Where is the question of groups? All 139 MLAs belong to both of us. It is the media that is trying to create divisions," he said.

"All MLAs are part of the Congress group. The party's interest and development are our priority and we are working unitedly," he added.

Criticising the Centre over delimitation and women's reservation, he accused the BJP of taking hasty decisions for political gains without adequate consultation. "There is no need for such urgency. This is not a good move. They are doing it for political gain," he alleged.

Discussion on cabinet reshuffle after April 23

KPCC President and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said there will be no discussion on cabinet reshuffle till April 23.

DCM: No party has supported Muslims as much as Cong

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@ New Delhi

DEPUTY CM and KPCC President DK Shivakumar said that no other political party has done to Muslims as much as the Congress has.

Speaking to reporters in New Delhi on Friday, he said the Congress has consistently supported minority leaders.

"Muslim leaders are not being targeted. We have stood by them at every stage. We have not done anything in the past to harm them, nor will we in the future," he said.

On the Davanagere South Assembly constituency, Shivakumar clarified that it is not a minority-dominated seat and noted that senior leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa has maintained a stronghold there.

"Given the population dynamics, his demand was not unjustified. Some minority leaders had also sought the ticket, but after consultations and consensus, the ticket was given to a suitable candidate," he said. He added that certain decisions were taken based on internal reports.

On reports on Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan's resignation, Shivakumar said he had only seen it in the media. "It was not discussed in the Cabinet, nor have I discussed it. I had personal work after the Cabinet meeting and left. I have no information on this. The high command and the party will take a decision," he said.

JABBAR SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK: SATISH

BENGALURU: Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Friday said the issue concerning Abdul Jabbar was discussed during his meeting with Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar. "He should be brought back into the party. He is also our leader. His reply is essential," Satish said. Satish met Shivakumar at his residence in Bengaluru on Friday. Later speaking to reporters, Satish said they discussed several issues, mainly resignation of Jabbar who was heading the KPCC Minority Cell. "Shivakumar said he was waiting for Jabbar's reply. He said only then can they take action. Jabbar has always stood with us. We do not know if there was any mistake. But he has to be given a chance. His reply is important too," Satish said.

REVENUE MINISTER PULLS UP TAHSILDARS OVER DELAY IN WORK

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REVENUE Minister **Krishna Byre Gowda** on Friday reviewed the monthly progress of tahsildars across the state via video conference from Vikas Soudha where he expressed displeasure over the slow progress in many of the key areas in the department, causing inconvenience to the public.

A release from the Revenue Minister's office said that the Minister has taken a serious note of delays in the 'Bhoo Suraksha' land records project. Several taluks are failing to meet the daily scanning target of 12,000 pages despite having adequate staff.

He questioned poor performance in Bengaluru Urban and other taluks, while appreciating districts like Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Raichur and Yadgir for completing the work. Over 19 lakh land records have already been accessed online and officials were asked to create public awareness to reduce visits to government offices.

On court cases, the minister noted that there is significant improvement as pendency of cases has reduced from 10,700 to 140 cases. The minister, however, directed officials in Shiggaon, Shira and Mulbagal to clear remaining backlogs quickly.

While reviewing mutation (Phouti Khata) cases, he instructed tahsildars to expedite disposal of non-disputed properties. While Dakshina Kannada has nearly cleared all cases, He expressed displeasure over poor progress in Chamarajanagar, Hunsur, Alur and Shikaripura.

The minister directed officials to complete pending survey (podi) works within a week. He expressed dissatisfaction over zero progress in Bengaluru South. On revenue villages, he stressed that incomplete work could harm the poor and directed officials to ensure timely registration, warning against negligence.

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IN ONE VOICE

Members of KPCC Mahila Morcha, led by its president Sowmya Reddy, protest demanding that the Centre implement the Women's Reservation Bill immediately, at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Priyank: Firms being arm-twisted to divert investment from K'taka

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

COMPANIES are being arm-twisted to divert their investments from Karnataka despite the state having the best talent ecosystem, state's IT, Biotech and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge said on Friday.

The minister said it has taken 40 years to develop the entire ecosystem in the state that suits investors.

"Why is semiconductor going to Gujarat, Assam? That's my question? That's what I have been asking. Why is it going to Gujarat? Why is it going to Assam? When PLI comes, they have to choose their state. The name is Karnataka. How does it become Gujarat by the time the application reaches Delhi? They are coming to my state. Why are they being arm-twisted to Gujarat?" Kharge said.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a roadshow in the national capital for the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 to be held in November.

"They are coming to our state only. They want to invest in our state. It works out for them. It is profitable for them. Our human resource is one of the most agile and best in the world. But yet, they are going to be pushed to Gujarat," Kharge said.

During the event, Kharge said Karnataka is planning to rejig policy on data centres to promote sustainable data centres.

"There is a serious need for states and the central government to bring up policies for sustainable data centres. That's exactly what the government of Karnataka intends to do," Kharge said. MORE ON P12

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and ministers Priyank Kharge and MB Patil at the 'Bridge to Bengaluru' event held in New Delhi on Friday as a prelude to the Bengaluru Tech Summit to be held in the state capital in November | EXPRESS

Sa Ra Mahesh: Not JDS, but Siddu following nepotism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

JDS leader and former minister **Sa Ra Mahesh** on Friday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accusing him of nepotism after the latter reportedly termed the regional party a dynastic party.

Mahesh alleged that the CM had facilitated the transfer of his son, MLC Dr Yathindra, from the voters' list in Varuna constituency to Bengaluru. He claimed the move was strategically timed ahead of the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) polls. According to Mahesh, the alleged shift was aimed at positioning Dr Yathindra for a significant role in the GBA, where being a registered voter in Bengaluru is a prerequisite. "This is nothing but dynastic politics. A leader who claims to uphold socialist values is instead promoting his own family members," he said.

He further contended that this was part of a pattern, alleging that Siddaramaiah had consistently advanced his son's political career from serving as an MLA representing Varuna to being appointed as an MLC and a member of the Ashraya Samiti. Mahesh also questioned the Congress leadership's decision-making, stating that loyal party workers in Mysuru were being sidelined. "There are several committed Congress workers who have worked tirelessly for the party. Why are they being ignored in favour of one individual?" he asked.

Responding to criticism of the JDS as a family-run party, Mahesh defended the leadership of HD Kumaraswamy, stating that he had nurtured many leaders.

Convicts taken to B'luru Central Prison

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HOWEVER, the court acquitted accused No. 20 Vasudev and accused No. 21 Somashekhar Nyamagoud, giving them the benefit of the doubt. As many as 21 people were named in the case, while accused No. 1 Basavaraj and accused No. 17 Shivanand Shrishaila Biradar had turned approvers.

The court had reserved the quantum of punishment to Friday after hearing the arguments and recording statements from the convicts on Thursday, who pleaded for leniency.

All 17 convicts were brought from the Bengaluru Central Prison and produced before special court Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat on Friday afternoon. He sentenced 16 convicts, including MLA **Vinay Kulkarni**, to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 16 lakh, to be paid as compensation to the children of the deceased Yogesh Goudar. The court sentenced accused No. 19, Channakeshav Tingarikar, then inspector of Dharwad Suburban police station, to seven years in prison and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000. Tingarikar was sentenced as charges of corruption against him were proven. Accused No. 1 Basavaraj Muttagi was granted the approver status by the court.

After the court pronounced the sentence, the 57-year-old MLA broke down in the courtroom. All the convicts were taken to the Bengaluru Central Prison under tight security.

THE CASE

BJP leader Yogesh Goudar, a Dharwad Zilla Panchayat member, was murdered on June 15, 2016. A group of assailants hacked him to death after throwing chilli powder at his face at a gym in Saptapur, Dharwad. The police filed a chargesheet naming six accused in September 2016. However, in 2019, the then BJP state government handed over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). After the investigation, the CBI arrested Vinay Kulkarni and filed a chargesheet against 21 persons, including him, in 2020, naming him as Accused No. 15. The CBI stated in its chargesheet that Kulkarni was the conspirator behind the murder, allegedly driven by political rivalry with Yogesh Goudar and that he had hired contract killers to eliminate him.

OTHER CONVICTS IN THE CASE

Vikram Bellary, Kirthi Kumar Basavar Kurahatti, Sandeep Saudatti, Vinayaka Katagi, Mahabaleshwar Hongal alias Muduka, Santhosh Saudatti, Dinesh M., Ashwath, Sunil, Nazeer Ahmed, Shahanawaz, Nuthan, Harshith, Chandrashekar Indi and Vikas Kalburgi.

Doordarshan Chandana will air a farmer-based reality show titled 'Raitha Rathna.' The 26-episode series aims to showcase progressive farmers of the state to a wide audience. The show will begin on April 18 and will air every Saturday for one hour. Programme Head HN Aarthi said that this initiative can be considered a first-of-its-kind attempt. For first season, 26 progressive farmers are selected. Of them three will be selected for 'Raitha Rathna' award. The inclusion of women farmers adds to its significance, Aarthi said

Bird flu outbreak at poultry centre in Hesaraghatta, 7,444 birds culled

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@ Bengaluru

AN outbreak of H5N1 avian influenza has been confirmed at a poultry rearing training centre in Mathkuru village near Hesaraghatta. Following the outbreak, the authorities have culled 7,444 birds. Meanwhile, the Karnataka health department has advised the public not to panic and stressed that consumption of properly cooked poultry meat and eggs is safe.

The outbreak was confirmed, based on NIHSAD (National Institute of High Security of Animal Diseases), Bhopal, report dated April 14 and all containment measures have been initiated as per protocol.

"State Rapid Response Team and District RRT along with PHC team had visited the site on April 16. Mathkuru has been declared an 'Infected Zone' (0-3 km) and the surrounding 3 to 10 km area of PHC Hesaraghatta and Sonnenahalli falls under the 'Surveillance Zone'. A total of 7,444 birds, 14,788 eggs, and 2,250 kg of poultry feed were culled and scientifically disposed by the veterinary department on April 15," an official release by the health department stated, adding that the burial site has been secured and declared a prohibited area for one year and 10 cullers have been quarantined and are under medical supervision with Oseltamivir prophylaxis.

A total of 7,444 birds, 14,788 eggs, and 2,250 kg of poultry feed were culled by the veterinary department on April 15 | EXPRESS

"Two villages with 3,422 population fall in the 0-3 km zone and 17 villages with 22,395 population in the 3-10 km zone. Teams of health workers and ASHAs will conduct daily house-to-house fever surveillance. Private Hospitals have also been alerted to report ILI and SARI cases in the IHIP portal. Adequate stock of PPE, triple-layer masks, Oseltamivir, VTM and throat swabs is available," the release added.

The department advised the public not to panic and to avoid contact with sick/dead birds and report the same to local veterinary or health authorities. "Consumption of properly cooked poultry meat and eggs is safe," the department stressed.

Min warns hosp directors over drug shortages, ICU bed crisis

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MEDICAL Education and Skill Development Minister Dr Sharanaprakash R Patil on Friday issued a stern warning to hospital directors across Karnataka, threatening severe departmental action over persistent complaints of drug shortages, inadequate ICU capacity and poor sanitation in government-run hospitals.

Chairing a departmental review meeting, Dr. Patil cited observations made by the Lokayukta and widespread public complaints regarding drug availability at hospitals functioning under the medical education department.

Pulling up hospital heads for reactive drug procurement practices, the minister asked pointedly "Why do you wait until drug stocks are exhausted before inviting tenders?," directing all government hospital and college heads to initiate procurement tenders at least three months in advance of anticipated shortfalls. Responding to acute complaints about ICU bed shortages, Dr Patil sought explanation from the head of Trauma and Emergency Care Centre in Victoria Hospital. He directed Additional Chief Secretary Mohammed Moshin and Director of Medical Education Dr.BL Sujatha Rathod to designate an entire floor of the upcoming 10-storey Victoria Hospital building for additional ICU beds. The new facility is scheduled to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on May 2.

On the issue of sanitation and lift, the minister warned directors to ensure washrooms remain clean and lift functional at all hours. "During my district visits, complaints about unclean washrooms are routine. Clean washrooms are not a luxury they are a matter of basic human dignity," he said.

Dr Patil also reprimanded hospital heads for failing to claim AB-ARK (Ayushman Bharat – Arogya Karnataka) scheme bills to their full eligible extent, with some institutions claiming as little as 60% of their entitlement. "Only 100% claims can make an institution self-sustaining. There must be no lapses in this duty," he warned.

Develop heritage schools in state: KDA to edu dept

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THE Karnataka government allocated only Rs 25 crore for the development of nearly 240 century-old and heritage schools across state, according to a detailed report submitted by the Kannada Development Authority. The report was presented to Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education on Friday. The report stated, "12 years have passed since the appeal of writer GS Shivarudrappa was accepted, the government released only Rs 5 crore in 2018 and Rs 20 crore in 2021-22, taking the total number of developed schools to 240. The government should bring at least 10% of the schools under development every year in three years."

The report titled 'Shatamana Kanda Shaalegalu' includes a survey of century-old schools across Karnataka. There are around 3,139 century-old schools, and as per the experts in the committee, at least 50 -100 schools get added to this list every year. Prof Purushotham Bilimale, Chairman, KDA, said, "In Kalyana Karnataka, the education department must make use of the sufficient funds available. There are sufficient funds available in the Mining Area Environmental Revitalisation Fund, and funds should be released for the development in Ballari, Chitradurga and Tumakuru."

Leopard takes nap inside Mysuru home, rescued

MYSURU: In a bizarre incident that left residents stunned, a leopard casually walked into a house in the Siddarthanagar area and made itself completely at home even taking a peaceful nap for nearly two hours. The incident came to light when the unsuspecting housemaid noticed the wild intruder resting quietly below a cot in room inside the house. Shocked by the sight, she immediately raised alarm following which the house owner alerted forest officials. According to the house owner, Suresh, they heard dogs barking at 7.30 am and he had opened the door to check. He saw a forest vehicle passing on the road as they had received a complaint that a person in the neighbourhood had seen a leopard.

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'Capping CS seats may trigger brain drain'

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FOLLOWING thousands of seats remaining vacant in the past two years after Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA)'s CET counselling, the expert committee headed by Prof Sadagopan regarding the capping of Computer Science seats has submitted a report to the government and said that capping Computer Science Engineering (CSE) seats alone risks brain drain.

However, it recommended introducing Core+AI curriculum and faculty training. The committee also suggested that, at any time, private universities and institutions cannot start more than five Computer Science (CS) related courses. It also said that the overall intake of CS related courses shall not be more than 900. It has suggested for 17% seat reduction in CSE from 2026-27 and redirect freed seats to Core+AI branches. "Pair the cap with core-branch transformation. Capping CSE alone risks brain drain. Introduce Core+AI curriculum and faculty training, adopt the 9- step rebalancing formula, refresh three year baseline from 2027-28," it read.

In the year 2026-27, around 9,000 CSE seats went vacant in the state engineering colleges. To review student intake and reform technical education, also cap the seats of CSE and related field for the academic year of 2026-27, Karnataka constituted 10 members committee headed by Prof S Sadagopan, ex-Director of the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore.

The committee also recommended embedding AI and Machine Learning as an analytical instrument to all undergraduate disciplines, not a standalone elective, Mathematics as the backbone. "Mandate test-to-failure product labs every semester from 2027-28, anchored in active learning and professional ethics. Scale Core+AI competent core engineering output from 22,000 to 75,000 graduates per year."

Meanwhile, for new institutions, it has recommended 60 intake for the given course for any private university or private engineering college to begin with.

Interestingly, to ensure quality the committee recommended mandatory NBA (National Board of Accreditation) certificate for the institutions whose intake crosses more than 300 in particular discipline within the two years from the date of publication of these regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT.SAPNA.B.R W/o Sri.Dharmeshwar.S** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and she has lost the original Sale Deed dated 1/03/1997 bearing Document No.5711 / 1996-97, of Book-1, stored in C.D.No.10, executed by Sri.Nanjunda Reddy in favour of Sri.Ganesh.M.V, registered in the office of Sub-registrar, Anekal. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing Vacant **Site No.221/29/3**, E-Katha No. 150200100500400219, (Old No. 26 to 30, Assessment No.29/3), Situated at CHIKKANAGAMANGALA DHAKALE, SHANTIPURA VILLAGE, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the limits of Shanthipura Village Panchayath, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South : 40 feet total measuring 2400 sq.feet and bounded on the **:East by :** Remaining portion of the property No.29, **West by:** Property of B.C.Ramachandra, **North By :** Private Property, **South by :**Road and Remaining Property.

N.JAGADEESH KUMAR,Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Near NR Colony Bus Stand,
Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the property shown in the Schedule below from, **MR. S. CHANDRASHEKAR** S/o Mr.Surayanarayana, **MRS. YESHODHAMMA P,** W/o Mr. C Purushotham, **MR.BHAKTHAVACHALA,** S/o Mr. V.G Ramaiah, **MR. R GOPALAKRISHNA,** S/o late V.G Ramaiah, and others. The above-named persons have represented that they are the joint and absolute owners of the Schedule Property. Any person/s, institution/s having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and **MR. S. CHANDRASHEKAR, MRS. YESHODHAMMA P, MR. BHAKTHAVACHALA, MR. R GOPALAKRISHNA** are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/ claims along-with supporting documents within **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and/or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immoveable Property Bearing **No.10**, **New E-PID No. 5015099196**, situated at Palm Grove Road Cross, Austin Town, Bengaluru, measuring East: 32.5 feet, West: 35.5 feet, North: 76 feet and South: 65 feet, admeasuring **2330 Square Feet**, comprising of a residential building, having total built-up area of **1508 Sq.Ft.**, and bounded on the:

East by : Mr. Row Latta's property; West by : Palm Grove Road; North by : Property belonging to MB Realtors and Developers (earlier belonging to Mrs. Sundaramma); South by : Kattappa's Property.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the procurement of the following through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in:**

(1) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3875/CALL-3 Dt: 10.04.2026, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of AMF panel and alternator servicing for 750 KVA Cummins-Kerala Electric Unit-8 DG set. EMD: **Rs. 21,018/-.** (2) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3904/CALL-2 Dt: 10.04.2026, Engine and Alternator servicing of 500KVA DG set for Unit-6. EMD: **Rs. 19,863/-.** (3) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3805/CALL-5 Dt: 10.04.2026, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of electrical switch mechanism of important valves of Unit-5 to 8 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 40,102/-.** Last date for submission of tenders: **25.04.2026 at 11.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (1), **25.04.2026 at 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (2) & **20.04.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs** for Sl.No. (3). Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(ODY), M: 944599139, e-mail: eeodyrtps@ gmail.com** for Sl.No. (1) & (2), **Executive Engineer(LT-2), M: 9449596531** for Sl.No. (3), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur.

BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL BANGALORE
APPEAL NO.129/2025

BETWEEN
Bajaj Housing finance Ltd., (BHFL) 46th Cross, Sangam Circle, 8th Block, Jayanagar, bengaluru, Karnataka - 560070. Rep by its Authorised Signatory, Mahantesh. B. J
...APPELLANT
AND
Maangalya Park Avenue Buyers, Welfare Association & Others.
... RESPONDENTS

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT NO 2 AND 4.

TO,
1. **Maangalya Ventures Pvt. Ltd.,** Having its regd. office at: Flat No. F-1, Redtree Classic, No.533/C, 7th B Main, 9th Cross, Narayananagar, III Block, Doddakallasandra Post, Off., Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru 560092 Rep. by its Directors: Mr. Sanjay Suryanarayana & Mr. Azghar Ahmed. ...**Respondent No.2**
2. **Mr. Sanjay Suryanarayana,** S/o. Suryanarayana, Aged about 52 years, R/at Flat No.T-1, Red Tree Classic Apartments, No.433/C, 7th B Main, Narayana Nagar III Block, Doddakallasandra Post, Bengaluru 560062. ...**Respondent No.4**

Whereas, the Appellant have preferred the afore mentioned Appeal against yourself and respondents seeking the Memorandum of Claim Appeal under section 44(2) of Real Estate Act 2016 to set-aside the impugned order dated **01.8.2025** in **complaint No.01818/2023** passed by respondent No.10. Notice is here by given to you to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal and produce all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence, either in person or through an advocate duly instructed or someone authorized by the law to appear on your behalf in the said appeal on **02.06.2026 at 11.00AM.**

Take notice that in default your appearance on the said day mentioned, the Appeal would be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 15th day of April 2026.

(BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL)

Sd/- Registrar,
M. Mahesh Babu
The Karnataka Real Estate Appellant Tribunal Bengaluru

(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL TAXES)
Office of the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, (Enforcement), Vanijya Terige Sankeerna, Commercial Tax Department, Navanagar, Hubballi-580025.
Cell: 8970613141/9880443636 e-Mail: ctoenf-1.hbl@ctd.ka.gov.in

No: CTO/Enf-1/HBL/Re-Auction/2026-27 **Dated: 17-04-2026**

ELECTRICAL GOODS AND OTHERS PUBLIC RE-AUCTION NOTICE

The Commercial Tax Officer (Enforcement-01) Hubballi has confiscated the Electrical goods and others, vide **Order Number: ZD291225134234K/2025-26 Dated 17/12/2025** under section 130 of Goods and Service Tax Act 2017. Consequent upon the said confiscation order also, no one has come forward to pay the demanded tax, penalty and fine. Hence the undersigned is left with no option but has to dispose the confiscated goods through public Re-auction and deposit the sale proceeds thereof with the Government. Therefore a sealed tenders/ bids from intending purchasers are invited for Re-auction sale of confiscated goods.

The sealed tenders/bids should reach the office of the Commercial Tax Officer, (Enforcement-01) Hubballi, Commercial Tax Department, Vanijya Terige Sankeerna, Navanagar, Hubballi-580025 along with pre bid deposit EMD of **Rs.50,000-00** by way of D.D./Pay order drawn in favour of Commercial Tax Officer, (Enforcement-01), Hubballi **on or before 05-30 pm on Date: 27.04.2026. The sealed tenders/bids received in the office will be opened on 28.04.2026 at 11-30 am.** at the office of the Commercial Taxes, (Enforcement-01) Hubballi, Commercial Tax Department, Vanijya Terige Sankeerna, Navanagar, Hubballi-580025. The more information, terms and conditions are available in official website **https://gst.karnataka.gov.in/TenderAction 2021.aspx**

(Gurubasayya S Hosamani)
Commercial Tax Officer,
(Enforcement-01), Hubballi.

DIPR/DWD/DISHA/65/2026-27

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru - 560 001.
O.A. No. 398 / 2023

Between :
State Bank of India ... Applicant
And :
Mr. Raviteja Peetha ... Respondent

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Raviteja Peetha S/o. Mr. Kruparao .P
Shivanagara Colony, Hyderguda, Rajendra Nagar, Attapur, Rangareddi, Telengana - 500048.
2. M/s. Aditi Tropica
10/2A, Ambalpura Village, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore - 560102.

WHEREAS, the applicant herein has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you before this **Hon'ble Tribunal for Recovery** of a sum of **Rs. 76,74,136/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Six Only) with respect to A/c. No. 39538444313 as on 21.10.2022** together with current and future interest at the rate of **7.35% p.a.** with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of **2% p.a.** and **from 01.11.2022** till the date of payment realization in full.

You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed within 30 days or **on 14-05-2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **09-04-2026**

Seal

Office of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II Bangalore

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07.05.2026 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 P.M.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of **Rs. 99,75,694.83/- (Rupees Ninety-Nine lakhs Seventy Five thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Eighty Three Only)** plus further interest thereon from **26.03.2026** and other expenses due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Sakthivel Natarajan,** No. 105 C Block 1st Floor, Purvi Lotus Apartment, Somasandrapalya Main Rd, Bangalore- 560068 **(2) Amrita Sakthivel,** No. 105 C Block 1st Floor, Purvi Lotus Apartment, Somasandrapalya Main Rd, Bangalore- 560068

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **06.05.2026 - 6.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	Apartment bearing Flat No. C-04, Ground Floor, C Block, "KINGS SQUARE" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560035. Plinth Area: 950 Sft, Carpet Area: 665 S ft, USD: 475 Sft, East : Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188, West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190, North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192, South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79.	₹. 36.55	₹. 3.66	₹. 1.00	27.04.2026 10.00 A.M to 2.00 P.M. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	Apartment bearing Flat No. B-04, Ground Floor, B Block, "KINGS SQUARE" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560035. Plinth Area: 950 Sft, Carpet Area: 665 Sft, USD: 475 S ft, East : Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188, West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190, North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192, South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79.	₹. 36.55	₹. 3.66	₹. 1.00	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No.9535093706 and 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

A woman lost her mangalsutra, valued at around Rs 1 lakh, while travelling on a private bus from State Bank to Kutthar. In her complaint, she stated that she noticed the 18-gram gold mangalsutra missing only after reaching home and suspects it was stolen during the bus journey

Hikers must submit IDs while booking slots on portal; areas frequented by wildlife off limits for trekkers

Trekkers, guides must follow SOPs, else get blacklisted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre issued strict instructions mandating that all trekkers, guides, and forest personnel adhere to established trekking rules and regulations. Guidelines include recording details of any trekkers found violating the norms. Stringent action will be taken against offenders, including immediate blacklisting from participating in subsequent trekking activities starting from their next trip. He said, guides taking trekkers are being given Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled walkie-talkies. Khandre said, "Night stay treks are cancelled. No treks beyond 19Kms, in total trip length, will be permitted." He was speaking to the media at the sidelines of the release of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Trekking in Forests of Karantaka.

Khandre said, "This is the first detailed guide for Indian forests. The SOPs have to be followed by jungle lodges and resorts, the eco-tourism development board, and the tourism and revenue departments. He admitted to the laxities and said, "Most rules of SOPs were announced earlier, but were not being implemented." The department prepared a nine-page SOP after two consecutive untoward incidents were reported in Karnataka in April. In the first case, 36-year-old GS Sharanya, a native of Nadapuram, Kozhikode, went missing for four days in Tadiandamol, Kodagu, from April 2. The second was the death of 15-year-old Sreenanda near Manikyadhara Falls in Chikkamagaluru, after she returned from trekking.

Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre with others releases the SOPs for trekking on Friday | EXPRESS

Pertaining to the famous 21Km Kumara Parvatha trek, Khandre said, it has been stopped. Implementation of SOPs will be reviewed every six weeks, he added. He added that guides have been instructed to carry first aid kits and wear high-visibility life jackets/vests. Treks have been divided into three categories- easy, moderate and strenuous (nature walk, moderate and advanced trek).

Resting points have been created on each trek route. "Trekkers should also be responsible and not lead into adventurous activities," the minister said. Adding to this, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, wildlife, Kumar Pushkar said, homestays, hotels and other such places will have to register their guests for trekking using the trekkers' details. Trekkers will have to submit valid government IDs that were used while making bookings on the portal. Places where wildlife, particularly carnivores, sloth bear and elephants are found by staffers will not be allowed for trekking, he added.

AT A GLANCE

- Guide to trek ratio- 1:10
- No treks permitted without forest department-registered guides
- Guides to carry GPS-enabled walkie-talkies, report every 30 minutes to base camp
- No treks permitted where elephants, sloth bears, or carnivores sighted
- Trekkers must register on the Aranya Vihaara portal **48** hours before
- No bulk bookings
- No spot bookings permitted
- No treks allowed in forest fire, monsoon seasons
- **44** identified, permitted trek routes in K'taka
- Trekkers to mandatorily attend pre-trekking briefing
- Homestays, guest houses to book for trekking with trekkers' details only
- Max of 450 trekkers will be permitted in a day
- Implementation of SOPs will be reviewed every 6 weeks
- Trekkers to install tracking devices on mobiles
- Youth Services and Sports Department and GETHNA roped in for assistance

Those who violate rules should be booked for trespass, say foresters

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

MERELY blacklisting people who violate norms or letting them go with a warning is not enough, those violating forest rules or entering without valid permissions should be booked for trespass, Forest department officials said.

A senior forester, not wanting to be identified, said: "Maximum cases of forest fire are because of miscreants and those on adventures. They violate forest rules and the Wildlife Protection Act. They should be booked, as should GS Sharanya, who went missing for three days in Tadiandamol, Kodagu, from April 2."

Sharanya (36), from Nadapuram, Kozhikode, had entered the trek route from Kutta, in Kerala. She was assigned to a group, but had strayed and stayed inside the forest. "It was her fault. She should ideally be booked for trespassing Karnataka forests. But emotions were high and police announced closure of the case. Political pressure was so high that we did not pursue anything further. But now with SOPs being released, anyone violating rules should not be blacklisted but booked for trespassing at least," the official said.

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Foresters admitted that in October 2024, when trek routes were defined and listed on the Aranya Vihaar portal, rules were also listed out. Directions were issued to all ground staffers, district administrations and guides. "Yet, two untoward incidents happened. No inquiry is being taken up, leaving many questions unanswered. The guides, rest of the group members and the woman were at fault, but all have been let off without a warning. To ensure such things are not repeated, it is important the government acts sternly and does not indulge in political issues," the official said.

Govt to start e-auction of excise licences, process to be completed by June

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE state government will shortly commence the e-auctioning process of 569 lapsed and unused excise licences after getting the go-ahead from the Karnataka High Court. On April 15, a division bench set aside the November 2025 interim order of a single judge, who had stayed the amended rules to provide for the e-auction of unused Excise licences on a petition filed by Guruswamy and others.

"The Excise department will soon set the auction process in motion with a renewed time line. The department proposes to complete the auction and licence allocation process before July 1, which is the excise new year," said sources on condition of anonymity. "The government is expecting to mop up around Rs 1,000 crore in revenue through the auction. A lot depends on how the bidding goes. The market has been low. The price and monthly rental of old excise licences, which are in circulation, have come down in the last one year because of sluggish F&B business," added sources.

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—Source

Under the new classification, there are 92 CL-9A (earlier CL9) licences (bars & restaurants) and 477 are CL-2A (earlier CL-2 - rental shops and CL-11C- government-owned Mysore Sales International Limited -MSIL) licences that will go under the hammer. "A majority of licences, especially CL-9A, will be auctioned for Bengaluru city. The rest will be auctioned for corporation areas like Mysuru, Mangalaru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Shivamogga, Belagavi and Davangere. Base bidding for the auction is likely to be pegged at Rs 1.5crore for licences in Bengaluru city. For other areas, it may be pegged between Rs 80 lakh and Rs 1 crore. The process of e-auction should be over by June-end," sources said.

On November 3, 2025, the government had issued final notification on the amendment to the Karnataka Excise (General Conditions of Licences) Rules, 1967, Karnataka Excise (Lease of the Right of Retail Vend of Beer) Rules, 1976, and Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian & Foreign Liquors) Rules, 1968, for e-auction of defunct/unused licences. The amended rules are now called Second Amendment Rules, 2025, in the above three categories. Two new licence categories, CL-2A for CL2 (retail liquor shops) and CL-9A for CL-9 (bars & restaurants) were created for the unused licenses under consideration for auction.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY — SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS "THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"

Tender Notice No. 52265080 Date : 16.04.2026

Sr.DMM/NWR/AJMER acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. E-Tender will be closed at 29/04/2026 14:30 Hrs.

CORRIGENDUM

S. No.	Tender no.	Tender Notice No.	Tender Description	Amendment as	Tender Opening Date
1	52265080	52265080 Dt. 26.03.26	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IoT Based Water Level Indicator System	"Payment Terms and certain other conditions of the tender have been revised. Detailed corrigendum is available on the IREPS website."	29.04.2026 at 14:30 Hrs.

Note : (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website **ireps.gov.in** for Full details/description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 50 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** 558-DR/26

Please join us on /NWRailways NWRailways_

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM (Electrical) NWR Ajmer on behalf of The President of India invites E - Tenders for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No.**: DRM-Elect-03-26-27 **Name of work** : All Div.: Provision of grid connected solar plants of capacity 1MWp at various service buildings / Railway bungalows / platform shelters. **Approximate cost of work**: Rs. 3,61,08,000/- **Earnest money** : Rs. 7,22,200/- **Date of closing of E-Tender** : 05.05.26 **Tender No.**: DRM-Elect-04-26-27 **Name of work** : All Div.: Provision of High Mast Towers at various locations over Ajmer Division. **Approximate cost of work** : Rs. 1,07,37,211/- **Earnest money** : Rs. 2,14,800/- **Date of closing of E-Tender** : 05.05.26 The details of above E-Tender is available on website : www.ireps.gov.in 560-DR/26

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HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED
P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640 E-mail Address:purchase.hamul@gmail.com
IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC/ 210 /2026-27 DATE: 09/04/2026

INVITATION FOR E TENDER (IFT)
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for Supply of Cow Rubber Mat(1) Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal. (2) Last Date for submission of Tender:12-05-2026 up to 5.00 PM (3) Technical Bid Opening:14-05-2026 at 11.00 AM. (4) Address for communication: Deputy Manager (Pur) at the above address. (5) Tender document may be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. Tender No:KMF/2026-27/IND2158.**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

JAIPUR CITY TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED

No. :- MD/JCTSL/2026-27/D - 101 Date :- 15/04/2026

Corrigendum - 02

This is with reference to JCTSL Bid no 11/2025-26 published on **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** UBN No.JCT2526SLOB00014 and **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** Tender ID 2026_JCTS_541409_1, Some amendments are made. Detail of amendments can be seen and may be downloaded from above mentioned websites and JCTSL Website **(http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jctsl).**

Raj.Samwad/C/26/999 Office on Special Duty

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT

No.MD/ACCTS/WK/R-03/2025/391 Date: 30.03.2026
Name of the Work: Hiring of 01 no. 25 Knots Speed-Cum-Chase Boat (RSV4/ MS Act) along with Manning Crew for a period of 05 (five) years. Estimated cost put to tender : Total Estimated cost including Hire Charges & Fuel: Rs.14,37,86,157/- excluding GST. Estimated cost put to Tender towards Hire Charges only Rs.10,29,22,490/- excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through online bidding is **17:00 Hours on 04.05.2026.** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid is **10:30 hours on dt.05/05/2026.** For further details, please log on to the Website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

Sd/- Deputy Conservator,
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/06/2026-2027 dtd. 17.04.2026

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/04 - 2026-27

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.) Excluding GST	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-06/0426_TKC2 RFx 7000039579 (6th Call) for Work of augmentation of substations by additional 3x167 MVA, 400/220/33kV ICT along with HV & LV Bays, 400kV GIS bus coupler bay & allied civil works at 400kV Lonikand-I under Pune Zone (ICT will be supplied by MSETCL).	Rs. 1757.99 (Incl. GST) / Rs. 1489.82 (Excl. GST)	29.04.2026 17:00 Hrs
	25,000.00+GST	29.04.2026 17:15 Hrs

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-TKC-2)
CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai
Tel. No.: 022-69852717
Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, secpa@mahatransco.in, eetkc2cpa@mahatransco.in, eepc@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/**
Any further amendments/clarifications will be published on the MSETCL website **www.mahatransco.in. & https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/ .** Bidders are therefore requested to check these websites for further updates.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department
Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.
No.:ACF:Channagiri:Tender.C.R-03/26-27-2 Date: 16.04.2026

(Short-Term Tender Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for providing services of Computer Operators/ Drivers/Watchmen/Security Camp Watchmen/Poaching Prevention Camp Watchmen, etc. required at Zones as mentioned in the Schedule below in the limits of the Zones of the Division and Bhadravathi Division Office for the year 2026-27, fixing time up to 5.00 PM on 04.05.2026. For Tender conditions and further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/87/04/101

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr(Op)Z/BGKT/SEE (O)/AEE-2/26-27/1299-1304 Date: 17.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tender against **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110kV/STNDR-09/26-27/Soundatti Tender No: KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3620** for Replacement of 1x10MVA,110/33kV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/33kV Power Transformer at 110kV Soundatti substation in Soundatti Taluk & Belagavi District, including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turnkey Basis. Reserved for Scheduled Tribes category.**

The tenders will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13:30 Hrs** IST of **18.04.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele.),
Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL,
110 KV Sub-Station Premises, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587 103.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Smt. Sujatha D and another are interested to purchase of Property bearing BDA Site No. 572, Municipal No. 572/66, PID No. 22-4-56, E-Khata No.3351226503. presently 4th Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 53+55/2 and North to South:30 Ft. total measuring 1620 Sq.Ft with residential house, and bounded on East by : Site No 783; West by : Road; North by : Site No. 753; South by : Site No. 751, 2nd Floor old house from Smt. Lakshmi N K, W/o Late M S Seshadri and her daughters, Smt. Bhanumathi S. D/o Late M S Seshadri and Smt. Srivaishnavi M S. D/o Late M S Seshadri, No. 752, 4th Main Road, Rajajinagar, 4th Block, Bengaluru.

The vendors of our clients have declared that they have only lawful right, title and possession in the above said property. However, if there is any dispute/s or claim's or any kinds interests in respect of the above said property by any person's, banking institution's or any authorities to sell it to our clients, you are required to approach us along with written objection with relevant records to show your sustainable claim's in the above said property within 15 days from this notice and later if you make any kind of claims, our clients are not responsible for any causes or kinds of claims of you in respect of the above said property as our clients are the bonafide purchasers.

M/s. Lex Scientia, Advocates
No.137, 7th Main, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore 560 029. Mob: 9448080323
Email : vishnuhegde20@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL

NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/MVS OM/2026-27/38 Date: 16.04.2026

SHORT TERM E-PROCURMENT NOTIFICATION (Fourth Call)
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for MVS O M Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through kppp portol mode through portol http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

General Information: 1) Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. 2) All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. 3) EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only 4) Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **18/04/2026** Tender Processing Fee: As Per KPPP Portol Tender Downloading Date: **18/04/2026** Time: 10:00 AM to **27/04/2026** 16:00 Hours Tender receiving Date and Time: **18/04/2026** Time: 10:00 AM to **27/04/2026** 16:00 Hours Technical Bid Opening Date and Time: **28/04/2026** Date:16:30 Hours Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority **30/04/2026** or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Koppal/32/KSMCA/2026-27 R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru - 560 001.
O.A. No. 399 / 2023

Between :
State Bank of India ... Applicant
And :
Mr. Nabiluddin Z Shaikh ... Respondent

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Nabiluddin Z Shaikh S/o. Mr. Ziauddin Q Shaikh
Room No. 205, Lucky Chowk, 22nd Main, Rose Garden,
J.P. Nagar, 5th Phase, Bangalore - 560078, Karnataka.
2. M/s. GVG Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
589, 1st Floor, 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Bangalore - 560037. Karnataka.

WHEREAS, the applicant herein has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you before this **Hon'ble Tribunal for Recovery** of a sum of **Rs. 38,89,337/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Eighty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Seven Only) with respect to A/c. No. 390302974047 as on 30.08.2022** together with current and future interest at the rate of **7.40% p.a.** with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of **2% p.a.** and **from 31.08.2022** till the date of payment realization in full.

You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed within 30 days or **on 14-05-2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **09-04-2026**

Seal

Office of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
Bangalore

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED — POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered Office : 27BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Branch Office : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Kotak House, 2nd Floor , No 22, M G Road, Bangalore

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,** under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrowers as detailed hereunder, calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices with all costs, charges and expenses till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the same. The said borrower(s)/ co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ co borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereunder in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act r/w rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned along-with. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., for the amount specified therein with future interest, costs and charges from the respective dates. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Details of the borrowers, scheduled property, outstanding dues, demand notices sent under section 13(2) and amounts claimed there under, date of possession is given herein below:

Name And Address Of TheBorrower,Co-Borrowers, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	1. Date Of Possession 2. Type of Possession 3. Demand Notice Date 4. Amount Due In Rs.
Mr. Manu Hassan Gurikkal P. T S/o Mr. Mohammed At : - No.19, H.P Karacap Building , 1st D Main Road M.T.S Layout, Kengeri Upanagara Bangalore - 560060 , **Also At:** No.37, Rohini Building Muddinapalya, Viswaneedam 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560091 **& Mrs. Subaida P. T W/o Mr. Manu Hassan Gurukkal P. T At:** No.1532, Sri Vishveshwaraiah Layout 6th Block, Bangalore North, Ullal Main Road, VTC: Viswaneedam, PO: Viswaneedam Bangalore - 560091 , **Both At:** No.547, 7th Cross, North Block, Upkar Residency Layout, Ullalu Bangalore, Karnataka - 560091 , **Both Also At:** Flat No.103, 1st Floor, "Shiva Shakti Sannidhi" Sachidanandanagar, 5th Phase, The Vishwabharathi Housing Complex layout, Halagevadevarahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Bangalore- 560098 **Loan Account Number :** - 60103921139824 2 **Loan Amount:** Rs. 60,00,000 /-(Rupees Sixty Lakhs Only)	1. 15.04.2026 2. Physical Possession 3. 12.05.2025 4. Rs.75,14,865/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Only) due and payable as of 13.04.2026 with applicable interest from 14.04.2026 until payment in full.

Details Of The Immovable Property All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No.103 in First Floor in the layout formed by the Vishwabharathi House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., named as "Sachidanandanagar" in Sy. Nos.212, 213, 216, 233, 233/1, 234, 235, 236, 237/1-A, 237/1-A, 237/1-B, 237/2, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242/1 and 242/2 in the 5th Phase of the Vishwabharathi Housing Complex Layout, Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.160, Bangalore in the project "Shiva Shakthi Sannidhi" measuring East to West 160 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 9600 sq. ft. built on Site No.102, 103, 104 and 105, BBMP Katha No.123/103, 166/104 and 4717/4679/105/4607 and 4949/4949/102/4833 and 1218 sq. ft. of super built up area consisting of One Living/Dining Hall, One Kitchen with utility, Three Bedrooms, Three Toilets (Two attached Toilet and One General Toilet) and Balcony along with One Car Parking Space in Stilt Floor and RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Wooden Doors and Aluminum Windows along with electricity, Bore well water and Sanitary connection together with 279 sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title interest and ownership in the above mentioned land. Bounded as : East : Flat No.F2, West : Flat No.F4 , North : Flat No.F1 & F7, South : - Road Within the Registration district of Bangalore and Sub-Registration Office at J.P. Nagar, Bangalore. **Name of the Mortgagor :** Mr. Manu Hassan Gurikkal P.T

Place: Bangalore Date: 18.04.2026 For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. Authorized Officer

For any query please Contact Mr. Murli MR (Mob. +919900448628) & Mr. Vijay Kumar Menon (Mob. +919940572248)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my Clients: **(a) SMT. ARCHANA DINKER HOSANGADI,** aged about 54 years, Wife of Late Sri Dinker Hosangadi; and **(b) SRI ADITYA DINKER HOSANGADI,** aged about 30 years, Son of Late Sri Dinker Hosangadi, Both Residing at No. B-2/7, Dattaprasad Flats, 260, 10th Main, 12th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003, are claiming all the rights, interest and title to the DEMAT ACCOUNT: DP ID-13040300, Client ID: 00121852, held by Late Sri Dinker Premanand Hosangadi, also known as Dinkar Premanand Hosangadi, with the Depository Participant-Bank SVC Co-operative Bank Limited, No. 601-603, Dosti Pinnacle, Plot No. E/7, Road No.22, Wagle Estate, Thane (W), THANE, 400 604- Maharashtra, on behalf of the Depository, Central Depository Services (I) Ltd.

All persons claiming an interest in the said DEMAT ACCOUNT or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, exchange, charge, lien, trust, possession, attachment or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at Bengaluru within 15 (FIFTEEN) days from the date hereof, failing which, my Clients and the Depository Participant-Bank shall proceed to complete the process of settlement of death claim in favour of my Clients and any claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained and shall be considered as waived.

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DMK Youth Wing Secretary Udhayanidhi Stalin said that the upcoming election is a contest between Delhi forces and Tamil Nadu. Addressing an election campaign in Coimbatore, he urged the party workers and voters not to repeat the mistake of losing Coimbatore in the previous election

TRAGEDY ON THE GHAT

Nine tourists from Kerala killed in Valparai accident

Vehicle falls to ninth hairpin bend from 13th after jumping over four roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Coimbatore

IN a tragic road accident, nine tourists from Kerala lost their lives when their tourist vehicle plunged down a steep gorge at the 13th hairpin bend on the Valparai-Pollachi Ghat Road in Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu, on Friday evening.

According to the police, as many as nine people, including seven women, died in the accident. Four people, including a woman, were rescued with severe injuries and three men were shifted to Coimbatore Medical College Hospital (CMCH) from the District government Headquarters hospital at Pollachi on Friday night.

The accident occurred between 5.15 pm and 5.30 pm within the jurisdiction of Kadambarai Police Station under Valparai Sub-Division limits. The vehicle, bearing Kerala registration number was carrying a group of 13 tourists from Perinthalmanna of Malappuram district in Kerala, who were returning after a sightseeing trip in Valparai on Friday. They were heading to Pollachi from where they planned to move to Kerala.

According to preliminary reports, the tourist vehicle was driven by Mohammed Fasith (21), who lost control while negotiating the sharp descent at the 13th hairpin bend.

The vehicle veered off the road and fell towards the ninth hairpin bend below after crossing the four roads in between - around 800 meters in descent, resulting in a devastating impact. In the horrific crash, eight people, one male and seven women died on the spot. Five others, including the driver, sustained grievous injuries. Among the injured are two boys aged between 17 and 18 years and two women.

Onlookers who noticed the accident alerted the police and tried to rescue the people stuck in the vehicle. Meanwhile, one more injured person died at the hospital. Three mem rescued in critical condition have been referred to Coimbatore Medical College Hospital for advanced treatment and a woman is admitted at Pollachi GH.

This stretch of the Valparai Pollachi Ghat Road is known for its 40 sharp hairpin bends.

(Top) The mangled remains of the vehicle that plunged down a gorge near Valparai on Friday; Some members of the group had posed for a pic earlier at Athirapally falls

STALIN HAILS DELIMITATION BILL FAILURE IN LOK SABHA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

REACTING to the defeat of the Modi government's ambitious delimitation bill in the Lok Sabha on Friday, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin** said the state would rise united and unwavering whenever its rights are challenged, identity or culture is questioned, and the federal spirit of India is tested. "Tamil Nadu trounced Delhi; TN fought, TN won," he said in a post on 'X'.

In an indirect attack on AIADMK and BJP, the DMK chief said that on April 23 (Election Day), the people would defeat Delhi's arrogance and those who are supporting Delhi's arrogance.

"Delimitation is about representation, about who gets a voice in India's democracy. It must strengthen the union, not weaken its balance," the chief minister said. "Guided by Periyar, inspired by Anna, and strengthened by Kalaignar, Tamil Nadu has always stood for justice, dignity and federalism. The south stood united and made its voice heard. Democracy prevailed," he said in his X post.

Clarifying that DMK never opposed delimitation, he said that the party asked for fairness, for a process that is consulted, thought through and agreed upon. "Not one pushed through for political gain," he said. He also thanked all opposition parties for their united stand. On the women's reservation bill, Stalin in a separate post on X said that DMK wanted the immediate implementation of the bill.

"Tamil Nadu was among the earliest to implement reservation for women in local bodies. Our concern is with delimitation which requires careful thought to ensure it is fair, especially for southern states. We asked for consultation, clarity, and consensus. At the very best, the women's quota bill could have been delinked and implemented," he said in the post. He also said that the BJP called for a special session in the middle of the state elections.

Tamil Nadu Congress Committee president K Selvaperunthagai described it as "a significant moment that reflects the dignity of democracy," calling it a victory for Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi and the INDIA bloc's united resistance.

MNM founder Kamal Haasan campaigns in Chennai on Friday | P JAWAHAR

It is a red-letter day in Indian history: Revanth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

AFTER the Lok Sabha could not pass the Women's Reservation Bill, as the ruling NDA fell short of the two-thirds majority required for the purpose on Friday, Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy said, "Today will be remembered forever as a red-letter day in Indian history, when under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, and Mallikarjun Kharge, all democratic forces and Opposition leaders united in averting a national disaster." "I thank leaders of various allied parties who united and stood steadfast under fire to defeat these 'black bills', including MK Stalin, Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Hemant Soren, Farooq Abdullah, Naveen Patnaik, Arvind Kejriwal, and the leaders of the Communist parties, among others," he posted on X.

Meanwhile, BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the BJP over the failure of the Women's Reservation Bill in Parliament, holding the ruling party entirely responsible for the setback. He stated that the bill failed primarily because the BJP deliberately linked it with the contentious issue of delimitation, thereby derailing its passage. He pointed out that all political parties, including the BRS, had extended support to women's reservation, but the BJP's political approach ensured that the bill did not succeed.

Former MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha said the BJP had cheated the women of India yet again. "Knowing fully well that the opposition will not vote in favour of the bill if it is clubbed with delimitation and that they didn't have the numbers, they did so," she said.

Tragedy wipes out almost entire staff of this school

LAKSHMI ATHIRA @Malappuram (Kerala)

THE silence at GLPS Kuruva is no longer the quiet of a village night. It is the kind that follows an unthinkable loss.

What began as a joyful getaway on a Friday morning ended in devastating tragedy at Valparai, wiping out nearly the entire teaching strength of the small government school in Malappuram. Of the seven teachers on its rolls, six had set out on the vacation trip. None of them returned. The accident also claimed the life of the school cook.

For years, the school had been more than a workplace. It was a close-knit family. Teachers and non-teaching staff marked every vacation with trips together, a tradition born out of deep bonds rather than routine. The remaining staff at the school are first grade teacher Hasnath, LKG teacher Razina, UKG teacher Yashoda, and peon Gopalan -- who did not join the tour.

"We couldn't go on the trip due to family engagements. But they kept sharing photos throughout the journey. Even minutes before the accident, they sent us a video from inside the van," Razina said, showing the clip to reporters as she broke down in tears. Gopalan recalls the moment the group left for the trip with a trembling voice. "They proceeded on Friday morning, all excited. The trip had been planned long before the vacation. This time, four of us could not go due to personal reasons. Now, it is just us who remain," he said.

The loss is not just professional. It is deeply personal. Majeed, who was visually impaired, depended on the support of his wife Ruqiya, a teacher at another school. She would often visit to assist him and, over time, became a part of the school's extended family. Headmistress Ajitha, who joined three years ago, never allowed hierarchy to come in between. Ramla, a long-time colleague and Gopalan's neighbour, had shared decades of service and friendship.

"I cannot hold back my emotions. That is how much this accident has broken us," Gopalan said, his voice faltering. "There are about 150 students here. I do not know what I will tell them when they come back."

As news of the tragedy spread, hundreds of residents and parents gathered in front of the school, holding on to fragments of hope even as the reality sank in.

ALL 20 PAX ON BUS SAFE IN YADGIR ACCIDENT

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The car was trying to overtake when it hit the private bus and both vehicles caught fire, the police said. The deceased have been identified as Krishna Nayak (52), who was a town panchayat member of Sirwar in Raichur district, his wife Ananthakala (45), Sharanappa (36), his wife Nisarga (30), their children Siddartha (3), Advik (5) and Srinidhi (1.5); Shashikala (30) and her son Chandan (8). The condition of Shashikala's other son Virat (10) is critical. Both the car and the bus were completely gutted in the fire. However, all the 20 passengers on the bus are safe, Shankar said.

The car and the bus on fire after the accident in Yadgir district on Friday

POLL HEAT

AIADMK General Secretary and former TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami campaigns in Sankarankovil constituency ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, on Friday | PTI

TCS FALLOUT

CT Ravi seeks SIT probe in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the exposure of an alleged organised 'Love Jihad' case at TCS in Nashik, Maharashtra, former National General Secretary, BJP, and MLC **CT Ravi** demanded a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe to find out if there are similar networks in corporate companies in Karnataka.

Ravi said the Nashik issue is serious. "Karnataka, too, has many MNCs, including TCS. There is a possibility that vulnerable women who come for employment may be exploited or targeted by such conversion networks. Hence, a comprehensive investigation is necessary," he said. He said an SIT led by a sitting or retired judge be formed to conduct a probe. He said many women in Karnataka work day and night in companies and may be vulnerable to such networks. He said that 'Love Jihad' is no longer an individual issue but an organised network involving training, funding, and forced religious conversion in several cases.

EXPRESS READ

Pollution control norms tightened for Alappuzha houseboats

ALAPPUZHA: Houseboats operating without pollution control systems and valid certification will not be allowed to function in Vembanad Lake, Kerala, from April 19, the Port Officer and Registering Authority said on Friday.The directive follows an interim order issued by the Kerala High Court on January 20, 2026, mandating strict compliance with pollution control measures for houseboats operating in the lake. According to a government press release, the court had directed that houseboats lacking the required systems and certification would be barred from operating after three months from the date of the order. With the deadline ending on April 19, authorities have now enforced the restriction. Vembanad Lake draws visitors from across the world, with houseboat cruises being one of its key highlights. **ENS**

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2.	**(1) Mr.Ramana Gowda Bevinahalli** S/o Lokkappa, No.461, Sri.Anantha Padma Nabha Nilaya, Behind Govt. School, Kadabagere, Bengaluru-562130 **(2) Basamma Bevinahalli** W/o Prabhakar N R, No.461, Sri.Anantha Padma, Nabha Nilaya, Behind Govt. School, Kadabagere, Bengaluru-562130	**Rs. 1,24,36,566.95 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six and Ninety Five Paisa only) as on 02.04.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses**	**Schedule A Property (Description of the entire property) :** All that piece and parcel of vacant residential property being Eastern portion of the vacant site No 1, formed in residentially converted land in Sy No. 16/2, situated at Yellenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the East by Private Property, West by Western portion of the same Site No.1, North by Private Property and South by Road. **Schedule B Property :** 310 sqft of an undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule A property. **Schedule C Property (Flat put up for sale) :** All that piece and parcel residential apartment bearing flat No.302 in the 3rd floor of residential complex known as "KRANTHI ENCLAVE", having a super built-up area of 1650 sq ft, constructed on the Schedule A property, together with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor of the said apartment building constructed on the Schedule A property, inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use and entitled to common amenities and the said apartment consists of two bed rooms, one hall, kitchen, three balconies and two bath rooms.	**Reserve Price Rs.58.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.5,80,000/-**

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EDITORIAL

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— Ramnath Goenka

WOMEN'S RESERVATION BILL STALLS AMID TRUST DEFICIT ACROSS AISLES

THE Union government's push to fast-track women's reservation—by amending the law, expanding the Lok Sabha and state legislatures, and triggering delimitation—ran aground in the Lok Sabha on Friday. The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 secured 298 votes in favour and 230 against—well short of the two-thirds majority required after a marathon debate. The numbers told their own story; so did the faultlines, laying bare the trust deficit between the treasury benches and the Opposition. That this comes a day after the notification of the Women's Reservation Act, 2023 sharpens the irony. Political will was on display, but the trust required to carry it through to immediate implementation was missing.

For a reform that has drifted for over three decades, this is a familiar place to be. From the rancorous debates of 1996 to repeated legislative lapses, to a 2023 Act, and now a fractured mandate, women's reservation has stumbled not on principle but on politics. The 33 percent reservation promise has once again been held hostage to political one-upmanship, rhetoric and poll positioning—decisions still largely shaped by the patriarchs who run the parties.

The Union government's case rests on sequencing as a structural necessity, but it has deepened Opposition suspicion. The move to push implementation to 2029 is seen as tactical rather than sincere. Linking reservation to delimitation—fraught in itself—has sharpened concerns further, with what the government calls reform viewed by the Opposition as an attempt to redraw the electoral map. Neither side chose accommodation over restraint. The treasury benches framed the vote as a test of commitment to women's empowerment, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi warning that the Opposition would pay a political price for long if it stalled the Bill. The Opposition, in turn, dug in, resisting what it termed a politically loaded sequencing of reform.

Lost in this standoff is the central fact: women remain underrepresented in India's legislatures. Once again, reform is pushed down the road. The paradox endures—near-universal support in principle, persistent delay in practice. India's experience shows that reforms of this scale are rarely just about legislative arithmetic; they are shaped by political intent. In this case, the Union government appeared keen to force a political contrast—casting the Opposition as obstructing women's empowerment—while the Opposition sought to expose what it saw as a calibrated move tied to delimitation and electoral advantage. In the process, women's reservation has once again been reduced to a top-down exercise—designed, deployed and deferred by those it is meant to challenge.

MAKE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES STAKEHOLDERS IN SIJIMALI

VIOLENCE recently erupted over resistance to mining in Odisha's Rayagada district. The administration's attempt to remove adivasis protesting the construction of a road escalated into a major confrontation, leaving over 60 police personnel injured. While the tribal inhabitants alleged the police swooped down on their villages early in the morning, snapped power supply and lobbed teargas shells, the administration claims the force faced intense stone-pelting and a life-threatening situation while searching for a man accused in multiple criminal cases. At the heart of the conflict is displacement of locals for a 2.98-km road connecting the state highway to the Sijimali hilltop bauxite reserve, allocated to aluminium giant Vedanta in February 2023. Three years down the line, mining is yet to take off. Clearances have taken time, with the in-principle diversion of 708.2 hectares of forest for the 1,548.7-hectare project obtained last December. Meanwhile, resistance over displacement has built up.

The run-up to the gram sabha meeting to seek consent for the project three years ago had witnessed similar protests, followed by arrests by police. The agitators allege the administration fabricated the permissions to push the project; the counter-narrative alleges the hand of an anti-mining lobby. In the crosshairs are the tribal communities who have lived on their ancestral land for centuries and depend on natural resources for livelihood.

The face-off must agitate the Odisha government, which banks on metal-based industries to quicken economic growth. At the same time, conflict over displacement is not new to the state, where some big-ticket projects have fallen through for that reason. However, a stand-off with the local community is not the right prescription, as Vedanta knows through its own history at the nearby Niyamgiri hills. Peaceful industrialisation has to be the way forward, and it can only be achieved with tribal communities as key stakeholders—not by pushing them to the margins or taking them for granted. Taking gram sabhas into confidence honestly and adopting a transparent approach to obtaining statutory clearances will help restore the trust in the government. It must happen in an empathetic setup—not in an environment of fear where a posse of policemen are snapping at the heels of the original inhabitants of the land.

QUICK TAKE

DIAL I FOR HORMUZ

FOR someone who insisted on rebranding the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America soon after signing in for the second time, it's significant that Donald Trump called Hormuz 'the Strait of Iran' in his first all-caps post about its reopening. Iran has placed its control of the passage as a precondition for truce. The significance of naming the region's waterways can be understood from a conversation between Ali Khamenei, the assassinated Iranian leader, and Muammar Gaddafi, the assassinated Libyan leader, in the 1980s. When the latter called the Persian Gulf the Arabian Gulf, the ayatollah is reported to have said he would be happy to rename it when Arabs finally get out of America's grip. It shows the long-held sentiments that underline the ongoing negotiations.

Despite a lull in the war, Iran hasn't forgotten what happened to the 2015 nuclear deal. It will not stand down till durable peace is assured

MORE HARD YARDS TO CROSS BEFORE PEACE

M K BHADRAKUMAR
Former diplomat

US President Donald Trump's interest in ending the war in Iran is not in doubt. His predicament is that it may inexorably turn into an attritional conflict and wreck his presidential legacy—for this was not a war of necessity. Meanwhile, Iran's nuclear issue has been negotiated threadbare. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was spot-on when he disclosed at Islamabad that the two delegations were only "inches away" from clinching a deal.

The usually pro-Trump conservative magazine *Washington Examiner* featured an article on Wednesday titled '*Pressure builds on Trump to find off-ramp on Iran war*', which held a mirror at the deepening unpopularity of the war. Yet, Trump's flag carrier and social-media platform Truth Social promptly reproduced the article authored by the magazine's White House reporter Mabinty Quarshie, calling attention to it because a defining moment has come.

Democrats have zeroed in on the war as Trump's Achilles' heel as he mobilises for the crucial midterm elections in November, which will decide the fate of his presidency in ways more than one. Former President Bill Clinton has launched a daily podcast leading the charge of the light brigade.

A perilous period lies ahead. Most analysts are of the opinion that even if a second round of talks is held in Islamabad, it may not necessarily mean a conclusive farewell to arms. Trump himself implicitly acknowledged the quagmire when he disclosed that the US's "armada" will stay put in the Persian Gulf for the foreseeable future. It is entirely conceivable that Trump may order some ground operation, as the continuing deployment of infantry and special forces with amphibious ships and helicopters suggest.

In such an event, there will be dire need for basing facilities nearby in the Indian Ocean hinterland, preferably in the Arabian Sea region. All the US bases in the Persian Gulf region have been rendered dysfunctional following attacks by Iran and will be out of reach for any large ground operations in Iran. The regional states themselves will not want to get entangled in a US operation given Tehran's advance notice that it will retaliate. In the prevailing geopolitical alignments, Pakistan is also unlikely to be seen rendering help to the American war effort. Not only is Pakistan a mediator, but anti-American sentiments are widespread in that country. Pakistan's ties with Iran have become exceptionally warm and fraternal, and carry the imprimatur of Field Marshal Asim Munir.

In the event of a confrontation with Iran over the status of Strait of Hormuz, Trump's armada will be hard-pressed, as the nearest American naval base will be Diego Garcia. Pentagon may come under compulsion to invoke basing facility in India under the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement, the foundational military agreement between India and the US (which the Congress-led UPA government had dithered from signing) that allows their armed forces to access each other's bases for refuelling, supplies and repairs. The pact facilitates reciprocal logistical support, including food, water, medical services, and transport, boosting operational reach without requiring automatic commitments or establishing permanent American bases in India.

Suffice to say, the motivations behind Trump's ever-frequent telephone calls to Prime Minister Narendra Modi lately—the last one professing his "love" for India—need to be understood properly. Trump is tough as nails and without batting an eyelid, put British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on the mat for initially saying '*nyet*' to a demand for basing facilities.

Indeed, Iran is effectively acting like the winning side already, insisting on conditions that include the lifting of sanctions, possible compensation from the US, expanded control over the Strait of Hormuz, and the preservation of the right to enrich uranium like any other Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signatory. On the other hand, Trump is called upon to show that the war was purposive and resulted in a significantly better deal than the Iran nuclear deal that Barack Obama had negotiated. Viewed from Iran's perspective, though, the searing experience of the collapse of the deal at the hands of Trump becomes a benchmark. Given such a complex backdrop of memory mixing with desire, there are some major considerations to be factored in. Most importantly, the deal failed to resolve the 'Iran nuclear issue'. The file is still wide open and, if anything, it became even more complicated. Iran fulfilled its obligations right until Trump tore up the agreement in 2019. But then, to be fair, neither Obama nor the European signatories kept their part of the bargain either. Actually, they didn't even make a serious effort.

Obama chickened out due to the near-certainty that the US Congress would reject the deal under pressure from the Israel lobby, which had opposed the Iran nuclear deal tooth and nail. And the Europeans simply followed the Pied Piper, as in the German folktale, instead of daring to act independently in self-interest. As for the International Atomic Energy Agency, it played a shameful role under Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi, who practically acted as an agent of the US and Israeli intelligence for reasons best known to him—although the 2015 deal had the UN Security Council's approval.

Grossi is still keeping his job in Vienna and continues to be the 'watchdog' for implementation of any new US-Iran deal. What his reward is going to be will be known only after the choice of the next UN Secretary General to succeed António Guterres, whose second term is coming to an end on December 31. (The process is under way to select and appoint Guterres's successor.) Suffice to say, there is blood on the hands of the Americans, Europeans and IAEA in the cold-blooded murder of the 2015 nuclear deal.

No wonder Tehran insists that there be no cynical replay. Simply put, Iran cannot give up its demand for a guarantee that it will not face US-Israeli aggression in the downstream of any new deal. Do not underestimate Iran's sense of honour. The grotesqueness of the war Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu chose to wage, especially the horrific murder of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has left deep scars. Iran will never capitulate.

(Views are personal)

Ramnath Goenka
18 April 1904

REMEMBERING A VISIONARY ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

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of our yesterdays.
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EVENING THE ODDS OVER 64 SQUARES

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SPEAKEASY

THE world of competitive chess is getting younger. Javokhir Sindarov, the 20-year-old Uzbek prodigy, won the Men's Candidates tournament, making him the challenger of reigning world champion Gukesh Dommaraju, 19. When 24-year-old R Vaishali won the women's tournament, she credited 19-year-old Grandmaster M Pranesh for keeping her in good spirits in Cyprus.

Indians—and Indian-origin people overseas—who have become increasingly invested in chess since the triumphs of Viswanathan Anand, had hoped for even more. They had expected the Candidates to be dominated by more Indian names—Vaishali's brother Praggnanandhaa, Anish Giri of the Netherlands and Divya Deshmukh. Wouldn't it be grand if an Indian rose above other Indians to challenge yet another Indian for the world title?

The proto-nationalist dream has a reasonable basis. The Candidates offered a chance for older stars like the Americans Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana to assert themselves, but soon it was clear that the young Turks would prevail. The signs were out there even last year, points out Jordan Himelfarb in his book *Interregnum: Inside the Gruelling and Glamorous Battle to Become the Next King of Chess*, which will be released in a few days. The book, which includes vivid accounts of the top Indian players, focuses on the period after Magnus Carlsen of Norway declined to defend his title in 2022. Bored after a decade as world champion, he was seeking distractions like rebranding Bobby Fischer's random chess, in which the valuable pieces in the back row are jumbled up, to freestyle chess.

Himelfarb writes that when Carlsen stepped aside, there was only one top player—the French-Iranian Alireza Firouzja born in the 2000s. Only Ding Liren, whom Gukesh defeated in 2024 to become world champion, represented a country outside Europe and North America. But when Carlsen returned to classical chess in Norway last summer, "five of the top 10 players were children of the 2000s. Three were from India and one from China". The age trend had been visible even earlier. Like mathematicians, chess players shine brightest in their teens and early twenties. Gukesh was the youngest world champion ever at 18. Garry Kasparov was 22 when he bested Anatoly Karpov in 1985.

Indians saw opportunities in chess in the 1980s and 90s, when cricket was the only sport in which India excelled. Organisations like the Alekhine Chess Club in Kolkata, a soft diplomacy initiative of the USSR, mentored promising players like Dibyendu Barua, India's second grandmaster. But as Viswanathan Anand has pointed out, Indian families regarded chess as a hobby, to be left behind by their children in high school as they prepared for careers.

From one grandmaster in 1988, India now has over 90. This would not have been possible without changes in parental attitudes. Chess is a cerebral sport, making it more acceptable than, say, hockey. The game opens up the world—apart from Cyprus, this year's venues include locations in Poland, the UK and Spain.

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Young Indians like R Vaishali reflect a new Indian era in chess, a game that started in India and travelled west via Iran. Let's not give in to nationalistic chest-thumping over it, like in cricket. In this cerebral sport, cultures always met as intellectual equals

It offers quick returns, too. Gukesh has already earned ₹21 crore—enough for a lifetime of leisure in India. Aspirants who don't make the big league can sustain careers coaching the stars and running chess academies, to which tiger moms and dads are herding their kids. Or, there are roles like those of chess evangelist and YouTuber Sagar Shah and columnist Devangshu Datta, who have perhaps given as much impetus to the sport in India as the grandmasters who lead by example.

Alternative careers like chess will become even more attractive as AI bites deep into the traditional job market. Parents might not mind if their children cut schooling for a dignified calling. In the perception of the middle-class Indian, the game of kings has more dignity than YouTube pakodanomics.

Could India's growing presence in chess become a nationalist thing? Was the excitement over the 2026 Candidates an early warning? Nationalism has made cricket, the gentlemen's game, hostage to some of the worst instincts. It could happen in other sports, too.

India has a genuine historical claim to chess, not like the absurd claims about plastic surgery and powered flight in ancient times. Central Asian sources explicitly attribute it to India, where the strategic game of chaturanga—meaning four arms, reflecting the four wings of an Indian imperial army—probably developed in the Gupta period. Then it travelled the trade routes to Iran, where chaturanga was sound-shifted to shatranj, spread through the rapidly growing Muslim world and reached Europe via the Arab conquest of Spain.

Historian Krisztina Ilko is working on a book, *The Pawns of History: A New Approach Towards the Global Middle Ages*, which sees chess as a form of cross-cultural communication in the Old World. In a related article in the University of Chicago journal *Speculum*, Ilko had focused on art in the Iranian epic *Shahnama* depicting a dark-skinned Indian playing chess with an Iranian minister, and argued that despite the Old World associations of colour which are the basis of modern racism, this image and other paintings depicting Africans show that in medieval chess, cultures met as intellectual equals. As Indians begin to reclaim the game with remarkable energy and success, it's an important observation to keep in mind.

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Parliament reforms

Ref: *Delimitation debate* (Apr 17). Is this genuine reform or a politically convenient adjustment? Expanding numbers without addressing structural issues risks diluting deliberation rather than strengthening it. A larger House without institutional reform may become less accountable and more symbolic. True democratic strengthening lies not in numbers, but in improving the quality of functioning.
Mohit Rawal, Ujjain

Delimitation clarity

Verbal assurances from ministers are no substitute for statutory clarity. If proportionality is the governing principle, it must be explicitly written into the Bill. Reforms of this magnitude, reshaping representation for decades, cannot rest on interpretations made outside the text of the law. Parliament must get the language right before it gets the numbers right.
A Myilsami, Coimbatore

Step out

Ref: *Shift to EVs* (Apr 17). This may partly be a solution. We also need a shift from our material pursuits and learn to walk and cycle around for local commute. Doorstep delivery services deprive us of the 'woods (that) are lovely, dark and deep' before we go to sleep.
S A Srinivasa Sarma, Hyderabad

Distressed farmers

Ref: *Food for thought* (Apr 17). Although local customers may be happy about lowering costs, the government needs to support farmers. Increasing the number of cold storage units and subsidising exporting farmers can inspire some hope.
Jaikishan N, Kengeri

Women's leadership

Ref: *Women as leaders* (Apr 17). India produces many capable women graduates in STEM, yet few reach senior positions in research, deep tech or decision-making. To bridge this gap, institutions should introduce structured mentorship, ensure equitable funding access and set measurable targets for women in leadership roles.
K Sakunthala, email

Compelling proposals

Ref: *Fair federalism* (Apr 17). A compelling analytical engagement with delimitation and gender representation is presented within the constitutional framework. The reliance on proportional representation reflects coherence in addressing demographic change and federal balance.
A C Vineeth Kumar, Thrissur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
Those who sought to divide this country, those who attacked the federal structure—the undemocratic laws brought by the Modi government have been defeated

Sagarika Ghose @sagarikaghose
By linking it to delimitation, you tried to USE women for a brazen power grab. The BJP pays lip service to women, we walk the talk. Jai Samvidhan.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Today marks a black chapter in the history of our country's democracy. This is the shattering of trust that millions of sisters had nurtured for a better future.

VOICES

This was not about women's reservation but democracy. We can never agree to linking delimitation with women's reservation... This is a big win for democracy in our country

—Priyanka Gandhi, Congress MP

By stalling this bill, they have denied women their rightful representation in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies. This is not an isolated act. It is a pattern... of resisting empowerment

—Piyush Goyal, Union Minister

Today, 65 crore women were waiting. We've not been defeated, but the cause of women's representation has been defeated in Parliament. We will not accept this mindset

—Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister

This time, the BJP wanted to dupe women by creating cracks in their unity through this bill, but the unity of the opposition has foiled the BJP's designs. The BJP has lost the moral basis to remain in government

—Akhilesh Yadav, SP supremo

This was not a women's reservation bill; it was a delimitation bill. We have been continuously telling the govt to reserve 181 seats out of 543 for women... But govt's intention was not clear

—Manish Tewari, Congress MP

This is a very shameful and sad situation. I feel nothing more painful has happened before. The Congress and the opposition have crossed all limits of injustice and, I would say, even hatred towards women

—Kangana Ranaut, BJP MP

Treasury and Oppn benches articulate their respective points of view, often leading to high-decibel exchanges before women quota bill put to vote

FIERY DEBATES MAKE HOUSE A COMBAT ZONE

Shah: No question of delaying caste census, flays Oppn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a strong attack on the opposition on Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that parties are opposing women's reservation in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, as well as resisting any increase in the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Replying to a debate in the LS on three bills aimed at amending the women's quota law and establishing a delimitation commission, Shah alleged that the Congress had earlier deprived the country of delimitation when it was in power and continues to resist it now. He pointed out that the Constitution mandates periodic delimitation, which includes provisions to increase SC and ST seats in proportion to their population growth. "Those opposing delimitation are also opposing the increase in SC and ST seats," Shah said.

Shah rejected the opposition's allegation that the constitutional amendment providing reservation for women in legislatures was intended to delay caste enumeration during the census. He stated that the Union Cabinet had already decided in 2025 to conduct caste enumeration alongside the census.

The home minister said the government is willing to bring an official amendment guaranteeing a 50% increase in LS seats across states if the opposition supports the women's reservation bill. "The women's reservation amendment bill will fall flat if the opposition does not vote in its favour. But women of the country are watching who the obstacle is," he said.

On delimitation, Shah said the exercise would help rationalise voter distribution across constituencies, some of which currently have electorates as high as nearly 40 lakh. Addressing concerns about the timing of delimitation, he referred to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, which links implementation of women's reservation to delimitation following the census expected after 2026. Shah said the freeze on seat numbers dates back to 1971 under Indira Gandhi's government.

He also highlighted disparities in representation, noting that in some constituencies, one MP represents up to 45 lakh voters, while in others, only 6 lakh voters elect a representative.

Citing the five southern states, Shah said their combined strength in the LS is now 129. It stands at 23.76%. "After a 50% increase, it will rise from 129 to 195, which will rise to 23.87% in 816 seats," Shah said. "The country should not be divided by this 'north-south' 'east-west' narrative," said Shah.

Rahul: Bill seeks to change electoral map of country

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LAUNCHING a blistering attack on the Modi government on the proposed bills to amend the Women's Reservation Act, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the bill has nothing to do with women's reservation and was an attempt to change India's electoral map.

Participating in the debate in Lok Sabha, Gandhi said, "This bill is an attempt to change the country's electoral map, using and hiding behind India's women." He called it a "shameful act".

Reaffirming the opposition's support for women's reservation, he said, "We will help pass it from this very moment. What is being presented now as the women's bill is something else entirely, and the truth about it needs to be told."

On caste census, Gandhi said, "It is a historical fact how Indian society treated Dalits and OBCs and their women... what is being attempted here is a bypass of the caste census. Here, they are trying to avoid giving power and representation to my OBC brothers and sisters, and taking power from them."

Lacing his speech with analogies and jibes at the government, the Congress leader said, "You are scared of what is happening in the country's politics, you are scared of the erosion of your strength, and you are trying to rejig the Indian political map. You have done it in J&K, you have done it in Assam, and now you are imagining that you can do it in the whole of India."

Gandhi said the government is telling southern, northeastern, and smaller states that for the BJP to remain in power, "we are going to take away representation from you". He assured these regions: "Under no circumstances will the opposition allow the government to do this. The entire opposition will defeat this attempt of yours to attack the nation state and deprive OBCs and Dalits of their rightful place in society," Gandhi said.

"You call OBCs Hindus, you call Dalits Hindus, but you do not give them any space in the power structure of the country," he said.

Gandhi also took a swipe at Modi using an anecdote about a magic show he watched as a child, drawing strong protests from BJP MPs. Responding to the uproar from the treasury benches over his apparent reference to the Modi in connection with the Balakot strike, demonetisation and Operation Sindoor, Gandhi said, "You are not the people of India, you are not the armed forces, so you should not hide behind the people and the armed forces."

Kanimozhi: Black colour of goddess Kali, tears into govt

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a counter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "kala tika" jibe at DMK's protest over the women's quota law amendment, party leader Kanimozhi on Friday said, "Black is the colour of Goddess Kali", and that the ruling party of Tamil Nadu will protest over the issue till the very end.

Intervening in the Lok Sabha debate on Thursday, Modi said there was a tradition to apply "kala tika" before commencing a good work to ward off the evil eye. On Friday, Kanimozhi, dressed in a black saree, said she is "surprised that people who are there to defend Hindutva were not reminded of Goddess Kali, the dark goddess who wears black."

She also said black is the colour of DMK's intellectual leader, Periyar, who taught them to fight till the end. Other DMK MPs were also dressed in black in the House. The DMK MP demanded that the Women's Reservations Act be implemented from 2029 within the existing framework of 543 seats, adding that the delimitation exercise be delinked from the women's quota. She questioned the timing, intent and motive of the government behind calling a special session of Parliament without considering the Opposition's concerns.

Referring to the Home Minister's assurances that delimitation won't affect the state's representation in Parliament, she demanded that these assurances be made part of the draft legislation.

"Records show that 80 to 90 percent of this government's assurances have never been seen through; hence, we can't buy your words," she said.

The MP lashed out at the government for "stalling" the implementation of women's reservation despite Parliament's unanimous approval in 2023. "You didn't show any urgency in implementing it. But today you are blaming the Opposition for the delay. This is not electoral reform but an electoral rescue strategy because of your fear of performing poorly in upcoming elections," Kanimozhi said.

Linking delimitation to the women's quota is a trap, designed to blame the Opposition if the proposed legislation stalls, the MP said.

"I ask the Home Minister, why can't you provide quota by simply delinking the reservation from delimitation? Why can't you give a reservation for the existing number of seats?" she asked.

She added, "The PM called it a civilisational commitment, but I must state that women have been protecting families; they die for the nation, but their sacrifices have remained unnoticed for decades."

Tharoor: Don't do it... it's political demonetisation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LIKENING delimitation to "political demonetisation", Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said on Friday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wrapped the gift of justice to "nari shakti" in "barbed wire" by linking the implementation of women's quota to the expansion of Parliament.

Participating in the debate, Tharoor demanded that delimitation be deferred. He called for ensuring that the "march toward a 'New India' does not give us a disunited India". He asserted, "Any delimitation exercise is fraught with complications that could tear at the very fabric of our federalism."

He told the government in no uncertain words, "You have proposed delimitation with such haste, the same haste that you showed on demonetisation. Unfortunately, we all know what damage that did to the country. Delimitation will turn out to be political demonetisation. Don't do it, sir."

He outlined the scope for a serious discussion on delimitation. "There are at least three major faultlines—the balance between small states and big states; the balance between states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which have diligently implemented national goals of population control and invested in human development, and those, mainly in the North; the balance between the states that are the engines of our economy, contributing more to the national exchequer than they receive, and those that are net recipients of central funds," he said.

A delimitation based purely on population would further marginalise the voices of those states that provide the lion's share of the resources that keep our Union afloat, said Tharoor. "We risk creating a tyranny of the demographic majority, where a handful of large, poor states could theoretically determine the fate of the entire country, leaving smaller states and those with distinct linguistic and cultural identities and economic contributions feeling like bystanders in their own country," he said.

The "50% formula" that was suddenly brought up by Home Minister Amit Shah in the House on Thursday, remains a "precarious political assurance and not a political certainty", he asserted. "This pledge is fundamentally contradicted by the existing text of the legislation itself, which gives total freedom to the delimitation commission, whose decisions cannot be challenged in a court of law. It could be easily discarded or altered by a simple parliamentary majority, offering no guarantee that it will survive beyond the very short term," Tharoor said.

'PM and I don't have wife issue'

In a friendly banter, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that PM Narendra Modi and he didn't have "the wife issue", as the Congress MP emphasised that everyone has learnt from women in their lives. Participating in a debate in the Lok Sabha on the three bills introduced for amendments and setting up a delimitation commission, Gandhi said women are a driving force in the national imagination and national perspective. Gandhi also lauded his sister and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi's speech in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

United Oppn questions timing

Opposition members in the Lok Sabha questioned the government's decision to to amend the 2023 women's quota law before bringing the principal Act into force. Soon after the laying of parliamentary papers, K C Venugopal rose to point out a law ministry notification issued last night around 10 pm to bring into force the 2023 women's reservation law with effect from April 16, much after a bill to amend the act was introduced and discussed in the House.

BJP MPs, including Sobha Karandlaje, Bansuri Swaraj and Kamaljeet Sehrawat, raise slogans during a protest, after the Constitution Amendment Bill for women's reservation in legislatures was defeated on Friday | PTI

SC questions limits of religious freedom

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

ON the fifth day of hearings in the Sabarimala review pleas case, the Supreme Court's nine-judge Constitution Bench observed that religion and freedom of conscience cannot be confined to the same scope.

Justice B V Nagarathna asked senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan whether conscience is a larger concept than religion and whether it should take on the color of religion. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah said that constitutional courts must rise above religious consciousness and consider a broader constitutional balance.

Dhawan argued, instead of deciding cases individually, the SC should lay down principles, as the law will affect every faith, sect and tribal religions.

The bench observed that denominational practices may be subject to judicial scrutiny and that judges must be guided by freedom of conscience and the constitutional framework, rather than by personal beliefs.

The court was hearing review pleas related to the entry of women into the Sabarimala temple. It is examining the scope of Articles 25 and 26, the essential religious practices doctrine, and the extent of judicial review in matters of faith.

Dhawan stated that Article 25(1) separately guarantees freedom of conscience, including the right to question religion, the state, and practices in a respectful manner. He said Article 17 abolishing untouchability is an independent constitutional mandate that no court or religion can override, while clarifying that Justice D Y Chandrachud's opinion linking the exclusion of women to Article 17 was not the majority view.

The SC raised the question of whether a particular interpretation could create division in society, to which Dhawan responded that the responsibility to heal a diverse India lies with the court and depends on how Articles 25 and 26 are interpreted. He pointed to differences within the 2018 verdict, noting varying views on essential religious practice, constitutional morality and Article 26.

Install CCTVs to curb sand mining in Chambal: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FLAGGING rampant illegal sand mining in National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary, the Supreme Court on Friday directed governments of MP, Rajasthan and UP to install CCTV cameras at routes used for such activities, saying the court can't remain a "silent spectator".

A two-judge bench warned that the court would be constrained to issue directions, including deployment of central forces and blanket ban on sand mining, if the authorities would not take measures to tackle the illegal activities.

Modi likely to chair CAPF meet for better internal security coordination

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IN a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is set to convene a conference of the top leadership of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), with PM Narendra Modi expected to chair it. The proposed gathering marks a significant step towards strengthening coordination and strategic alignment among key internal security forces.

According to sources, the conference will be modeled on the annual Directors General and Inspectors General of Police (DGP/IGP) conference. The new format is being seen as an effort to create a dedicated platform for CAPFs, signaling a renewed push towards unified strategic thinking in the face of internal security challenges.

The sources indicated that the conference is aimed at providing CAPF leadership with an opportunity to deliberate on their changing roles amid a rapidly shifting threat landscape. Issues like insurgency, Left-Wing Extremism and the increasing risks posed by cyber-enabled threats are expected to feature prominently in the discussions. The need for coordinated and agile responses has become more pressing than ever, they added.

Participation is likely to include both cadre officers and IPS officers, although final details are still being worked out. Beyond fostering inter-force collaboration, the conference is expected to enhance synergy with Central intel agencies and state police organisations.

Key focus will be on improving intelligence-sharing frameworks, streamlining coordination mechanisms and strengthening joint operational planning, the sources said, adding that the Intelligence Bureau has reportedly reached out to stakeholders.

Annual DGP/IGP meet

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SEX ABUSE PROBE
Police probing the sexual exploitation case in Maharashtra's Amravati have detained 10 persons and deleted 41 social media accounts used for the circulation of obscene photos.

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Bhopal	40	26	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	40	27	Patna	39	26
Amritsar	36	21	Lucknow	41	26
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	13	10	Chandigarh	38	24

IDENTITY STIRS THE MARGINS

Politics of belonging: Welfare & identity—the remaking of North Bengal's electoral landscape

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

ON June 22, 2017, the Darjeeling hills fell silent under an indefinite shutdown called by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha. What began as a protest against the West Bengal government's decision to make Bengali compulsory in schools quickly escalated into a renewed, forceful demand for Gorkhaland. Roads were deserted, tea tourism collapsed, and the hills once again became the epicentre of a long-simmering identity conflict.

That moment captures, in miniature, the deeper churn that has defined North Bengal's politics over the past two decades. Data from 2006 to 2021 reveal not merely a shift in party fortunes, but a steady reconfiguration of political meaning itself. Class gave way to welfare and welfare to identity.

In 2006, the region was firmly under the control of CPM. With 33 of 54 seats, the Left dominance was near-total. Its strength lay in organisation rather. Dense cadre networks, land reforms, and sustained rural penetration ensured stability, even in a region marked by economic backwardness. Yet that stability was brittle. Beneath it lay unresolved questions of ethnicity, language, and regional imbalance.

The rupture came in 2011. The rise of the Trinamool Congress under Mamata Banerjee disrupted the Left's hold, reducing it to 24 seats while elevating the Trinamool to 16. Yet North Bengal did not swing uniformly. The Left retained pockets of strength, particularly in areas where its organisational roots ran deep. Change arrived, but unevenly. It was less a wave than a fracture.

By 2016, the TMC had expanded further, reaching 22 seats, while the Left slipped to 16. This appeared to signal consolidation. In reality, it marked a transition. The Left's decline created a vacuum, but the Trinamool's welfare-driven politics didn't fully occupy it. The gap between distribution and transformation persisted.

Into this gap stepped the BJP. Its breakthrough in 2021 with 28 seats was not sudden; it was cumulative. Years of calibrated messaging around identity, belonging, and neglect converged with local grievances that had long remained politically under-articulated.

The geography of this shift is telling. Districts such as Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri—once Left bastions—swung towards BJP. The Darjeeling hills, shaped by the enduring pull of Gorkhaland, consolidated behind it. The Trinamool held ground in Malda and parts of the Dinajpurs, where demographic factors and minority consolidation played a decisive role. The Left, once hegemonic, effectively vanished from the electoral map.

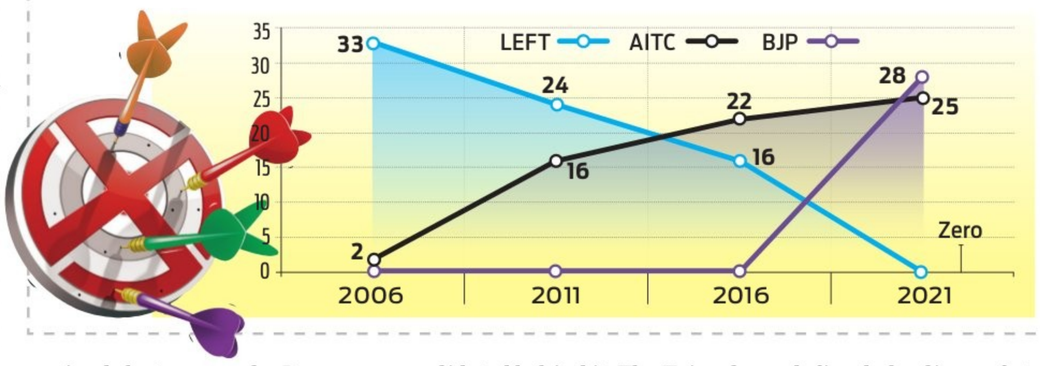
At the heart of this transformation lies the question of underdevelopment. North Bengal has long perceived itself as peripheral to the state's political economy. Infrastructure lags. Industrialisation remains limited. Migration is routine. The Left managed this discontent through organisational mediation. The Trinamool attempted to mitigate it through welfare outreach. Neither has fully resolved it. The BJP reframed it.

The tea gardens sharpen this narrative. Spread across the Dooars and Terai, they embody the region's economic backbone and its chronic distress. Low wages, periodic closures and fragile livelihoods have long defined the lives of tea workers, many of them Adivasis. Trade unions once mediated this terrain. Their decline created an opening. Welfare schemes provided relief, but not stability. Promises of wage revision and central intervention, aggressively foregrounded by the BJP, found resonance.

Identity movements, long present but electorally contained, moved to the centre of political mobilisation. In the plains, the demand for Kamtapur and assertion of Rajbongshi identity gathered momentum. Recognition, language and autonomy became political currencies. The Left resisted such claims. The Trinamool accommodated them selectively. BJP, by contrast, made them a rallying point. Community alignments followed these shifts.

SHIFTING ELECTORAL LANDSCAPE OF NORTH BENGAL

In 2006, the Left Front held a dominant position in the region with 33 seats, while the TMC held only 2 and the BJP had zero. By 2011, the political tide began to shift as the TMC increased its tally to 16 and the Left Front dropped to 24. This trend continued into 2016, with the TMC growing to 22 and the Left Front falling to 16, still leaving the BJP without a seat. The 2021 election marked a decisive structural change, as the BJP surged to win 28 seats and the TMC expanded to 25, while the Left Front was entirely unseated in these 54 constituencies



Tax raids on MLA, Didi nomination proposer's residences in Kolkata

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Income Tax (I-T) Department on Friday conducted raids at multiple locations in Kolkata, including the residences of Trinamool Congress leaders and associates, triggering a political row ahead of the elections.

Search operations were carried out at the house of Meeraj Shah, one of the four proposers for CM Mamata Banerjee during her nomination filing, as well as at the residences of outgoing MLA Debashis Kumar, the party's candidate from Rashbehari, and businessman and local TMC leader Kumar Saha at Kalighat.

Officials said I-T teams began simultaneous searches early in the morning, including at Shah's Elgin Road residence and at Kumar's house and election office on Manoharpukur Road. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel were deployed at the sites. The reasons behind the searches were not immediately known.

The developments come ahead of polling in 11 constituencies in Kolkata district, including Bhabanipur and Rashbehari, scheduled for April 29. Banerjee is contesting from Bhabanipur against BJP's Suvendu Adhikari.

Banerjee alleged a political vendetta by the BJP-led Centre. "It's a political vendetta of the BJP that is using central agencies against Trinamool Congress leaders five days ahead of the polls in the state."

The searches also triggered protests by TMC men, particularly outside Kumar's house, where party workers raised slogans against the Centre.

Sources said Kumar had recently been summoned multiple times by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a land fraud case. He appeared before the agency at the CGO Complex in Salt Lake on April 1, 3 and 9. Officials are probing possible financial links between Kumar and businessman Amit Gangopadhyay, whose properties were recently searched. The BJP has fielded Swapan Dasgupta against Kumar from Rashbehari.

During her nomination filing on April 8, Banerjee chose four proposers from diverse religious backgrounds to highlight her secular stance.

It's a political vendetta of the BJP that is using Central agencies against Trinamool Congress leaders five days ahead of the polls in the state

Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister

POLL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WALL

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Homecoming: CDS wears traditional attire

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan swapped his fatigues for traditional attire on Friday, returning to his roots in village Gawana. The village rolled out the red carpet for its favourite son's maiden visit since his appointment. After offering prayers at the Rajrajeshwari Temple in Devalgarh, the general looked quite at home. Earlier this week, he was busy laying foundation stones for heritage museums in Mana and Harsil. With a keen eye on preserving Garhwal's history and military legacy, the CDS aims to turn these outposts into cultural beacons. He reminded locals that the army and border residents are two sides of the same coin.

Rawat hosts summer feast, asserts relevance

After an "earned political hiatus", former CM Harish Rawat is back in the game, quite literally. Hosting a summer feast featuring cucumbers, melons, and millet at his Dehradun residence, Rawat turned a simple gathering into a potent political signal. Much like his famous 'Malta' parties, these events are calculated moves to promote local produce while reconnecting with grassroots. By breaking bread with supporters, the veteran leader is asserting his relevance both within and outside party ranks. Amid the refreshments, he didn't shy away from policy or offering cautious support for the women's quota bill. Rawat, it seems, is ripe for a comeback.

Char Dham Yatra talks take gender turn

In a refreshing departure from the usual high-octane traffic discussions, the Char Dham Yatra 2026 preparations took a gender-inclusive turn. Anita Chamola, RTO (Enforcement), steered the conversation toward "Nari Shakti – Sadak Suraksha Sankalp", a seminar aimed at fortifying road safety through female empowerment. Transport Minister Pradeep Batra lauded the move, noting that women in transport are catalysts for a safer, sensitive transit system. Guest of honour Manisha Batra added: for women navigating the traditionally rugged terrain of transport, dignity and a secure environment are non-negotiable.

HC orders FIR on Rahul in dual citizenship case

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on Friday ordered the registration of an FIR against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in a case related to alleged dual citizenship. The court also said the state government may recommend a probe by a central agency.

The order came on a petition filed by Karnataka BJP worker S Vignesh Shishir. He alleged that Rahul Gandhi held British citizenship and was associated with a company named M/S Backops Ltd., registered in August 2003. He also claimed that Gandhi had declared his nationality as British in company documents and had links to addresses in London and Hampshire. Earlier, on January 28, 2026, an MP-MLA court had dismissed the petition, stating that no new or concrete evidence had been presented.

The High Court set aside the lower court's order and said that the magistrate was not required to examine the merits of the allegations at that stage. Justice Subhash Vidyarthi directed that an FIR be registered and said further investigation could be carried out by a central agency if required.

During the hearing, the court asked the Foreigners Division of the Union Home Ministry to submit all relevant documents. The ministry presented the case-related records before the court. Counsel for Rahul Gandhi, Pranshu Agarwal, said that no notice had been issued to his client and there was no representation from his side during the hearing.

A similar issue had been raised earlier. In 2019, the Supreme Court dismissed a petition on the same matter, finding the claims baseless. Then Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi observed that merely being mentioned as a British citizen in a company document does not establish citizenship.

Hazaribagh belt declared Maoist-free

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

FOUR Maoists, including one carrying a reward of ₹15 lakh on his head and a woman cadre, were killed in an exchange of fire on the borders of Chatra and Hazaribagh in Jharkhand on Friday.

IG (CRPF) Saket Singh said that acting on intelligence inputs regarding the movement of top CPI (Maoist) leader Shahdeo Mahto, who carried a bounty of ₹15 lakh on his head, and three other Naxalites, a joint team of 209 CoBRA battalion and police launched an operation, called 'Operation Koti-Neer', on Thursday in the forested region.

"Around 1 pm on Friday, at, an exchange of fire took place between security forces and a Maoist squad in Khapiya area. During a search operation, the four bodies were recovered along with four weapons and articles of day-to-day use," Singh said.

Besides regional committee member Shahdeo Mahto, the other three Maoists killed in the encounter have been identified as zonal committee member Ranjit Ganjhu with a ₹10 lakh award, sub-zonal committee member Natasha and area commander, Budhan Karmali having a bounty of ₹1 lakh on his head, the IG said. He added that two AK-47 rifles, 1 Colt AR-15 rifle and one INSAS rifle have been recovered during the search.

With the killing of the four Maoists, the IG said, Hazaribagh and adjoining districts of Chatra and Bokaro have been freed from Maoists. The Shahdeo Mahto squad was the last remaining active group operating in region. "As a result of this operation, the Maoist squad active in the Parasnath-Lugu-Jhumra-Hazaribagh-Chatra border region has been neutralised," said Singh.

A handful of Maoists, who are still left in Sarnada forests of West Singbhum, have now shifted to mobile camps to avoid being detected by security forces. To prevent police from reaching the bunkers, a network of spike holes and IEDs have been laid around them, police said. Forces have cordoned off the Maoists within a 10-km radius in Saranda jungles. According to police, top Maoist leader Misir Besra, carrying a bounty of ₹1 crore, is trapped inside it.

Jharkhand police have appealed to the remaining Maoists to surrender and avail themselves of the benefits offered under the state government's Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy.

Friday's encounter comes close on the heels of a fierce exchange of fire between a Maoist squad headed by Misir Besra and police personnel on April 15 in West Singhbhum. Four security personnel were injured in the encounter.

Earlier this week, the last of Telugu Maoists were eliminated in in the dense forested terrain of Kanker district in the Bastar region, about 180 km south of Raipur. According to a senior police officer, Rupi was an area committee member (ACM) and with her death, the influence of the Telugu leadership —which historically formed the core of the Maoist movement in Chhattisgarh—has effectively ended in the Bastar zone.

'Misir Besra with ₹1 crore bounty hiding in Saranda'

Forces have cordoned off the Maoists within a 10-km radius in the Saranda jungles of West Singbhum. According to police, top Maoist leader Misir Besra, carrying a bounty of ₹1 crore, is trapped inside it along with a handful of Maoists, To prevent police from reaching the bunkers, Maoists have laid IEDs around their hiding places, police said.

Zoji La tunnel set to meet May 30 breakthrough

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE 13.150-kilometre-long Zoji La tunnel, which is Asia's longest highway tunnel at high altitude and will provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territories, is expected to achieve breakthrough by May 30 with 290 metres of excavation remaining.

The tunnelling work is progressing simultaneously from both ends—Baltal in Kashmir and Minamarg on the Ladakh side—to speed up construction. "Once the excavation work drops below 20 metres, it would be done on one side. We are confident of achieving the critical breakthrough of connecting the tunnel from both sides by May 30," said Harpal Singh, Joint Chief Operating Officer (CEO) of Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL).

At present around 1,200 engineers, technicians, mechanics and labourers are engaged in the project, which awarded to MEIL in October 2020. Work started in April 2021. Built at an estimated cost of ₹2,600 crore, the Zoji La tunnel is 7.57-m-high horseshoe-shaped single-tube, two-lane tunnel, which will pass under Zojila pass between Ganderbal in central Kashmir and Drass town in Kargil district of Ladakh.

The winter temperatures at the site often plunge to minus 18 degrees Celsius at night while daytime temperature remains below freezing. The region is prone to avalanches, making construction during winter months challenging. "The challenges are many—complex geology, water ingress, and extreme cold—but our focus has remained on zero risk and maximum safety," Singh said.

After the breakthrough, work will accelerate on 8 to 10 additional fronts focusing on finishing, lining, and safety installations, he said. "If no major unforeseen problems arise, the tunnel is expected to be completed between May and September 2028," Singh said.

According to the MEIL official, international safety norms have been integrated into the project, ensuring zero compromise on safety despite complex geology, water ingress issues and tunnel collapse risks. The tunnel will have extensive snow protection infrastructure. Once operational, the tunnel will have two-lane traffic and a dedicated 1.5-metre-wide walkway for maintenance and emergency crews.

The tunnel will eliminate seasonal isolation of Ladakh caused by prolonged winter closure of the Zoji La, which remains inaccessible for several months each year due to heavy snowfall and extreme weather conditions.

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Harpal Singh, Joint Chief Operating Officer of MEIL

AI to bolster U'khand drive against encroachments in reserve forests

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IN a bid to untangle the bureaucratic and legal gridlock surrounding its vanishing 'Green Shield,' Uttarakhand's Forest Department is preparing to launch an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tracking system. As the Himalayan state struggles to reclaim thousands of hectares of encroached forest land, officials hope this digital pivot will provide the real-time monitoring and accountability needed to turn the tide against land-grabbers.

Despite persistent anti-encroachment drives spanning the last four years, the state is losing the battle for its natural heritage. Official data reveals a staggering crisis: of the 11,396.63 hectares of reserved forest land currently under illegal occupation, only 1,560.31 hectares—roughly 14 percent—have been reclaimed. This leaves over 9,800 hectares, or more than 85 percent of encroached tracts, still under illegal control.

The situation is particularly dire in the Kumaon region's Tarai division, where fertile land has become a hotspot for encroachment. Administrative efforts are frequently paralyzed by a backlog of court cases, turning eviction drives into slow-moving legal battles.

"Many of these cases are currently sub-judice, making it difficult to track their status and ensure timely action," explained Parag Madhukar Dhakate, the Nodal Officer for encroachment. "By integrating Artificial Intelligence, we aim to build a robust coordination mechanism that allows for digital tracking of pending court matters at the division level. It will provide us with real-time updates on location status and help us monitor the progress of eviction proceedings with precision."

The human and ecological toll of these encroachments is profound. Beyond the loss of land, the degradation of forest cover is fragmenting wildlife corridors, leading to a spike in human-wildlife conflicts and threatening local water security and climate stability. Forest Minister Subodh Uniyal emphasized that the administration is addressing a legacy issue while drawing a line in the sand for the future.

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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT
Demand Notice

(1) Mrs. Mrudula L W/o Late Lakshman Rao L
Residing at : No.21, 2nd Cross, Coconut Avenue Road
Jambusavari Dinne Road , J P Nagar 8th Phasae
Bangalore-560076

The credit facilities under **Term Loan A/c No.9127001800015601 dtd 28.08.2018 for Rs.33,58,216.00/- availed by you Mrs. Mrudula L along with Mr. Lakshman Rao S (Deceased) were the borrower at our Bengaluru- Raghuvanahalli Branch.** The above mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non - Performing Asset on **26.11.2025** with effect from **28.09.2024** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2)&(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorized officer of the Bank on **19.02.2026** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgement to **Mrs. Mrudula L D/o Late Lakshman Rao L** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance of **Rs.43,34,935.20 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five and Paise Twenty Only)** with future interest at the rate mentioned herein below. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	Rate of Interest (compounded monthly)	Interest Calculated upto	Interest to be added from
PSTL A/c No. 91270018 00015601	Rs. 43,34,935,.20	10.30%	27.01.2026	28.01.2026

Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)

All that part and parcel of **2 BHK Residential Flat** bearing **No.B-108 in "B" Block,** 1st Floor of Mahaghar's Vajra Apartment, having super built up area of **1055 Sq.ft and 306 Sq. ft,** of undivided Share in converted Southern portion of the Land bearing **Sy.No.41, BBMP Khata No. 310/41,** situated in Vajarahalli Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, together with one covered parking space in the basement and rights over common areas .belonging to **Mrs. Mrudula L.**

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.
Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place : Mangaluru
Date : 16.04.2026

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Parisara Bhavana, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore-560001
Phone : 080-25581383, Fax : 080-25586321

No. PCB/05/BLD/2026-27/147 **Dated:15/04/2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER - CALL-1

(Through GOK e-procurement platform http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Construction of platform for installation of KSPCB CAAQM Station with Integrated Noise Monitoring Terminal (INMT) at various locations at Bellary.
Approx Value of the work: Rs.41.18 lakhs. All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

For more details, please refer e-procurement website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,

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Sd/-
CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER-2

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owners viz., **1) Mr. MADANLAL SOLANKI, S/o. Late. Bikamchand,** aged about 65 years, **2) Mrs. KAMALADEVI SOLANKI,** aged about 63 years, **W/o. Mr.Madanlal Solanki,** both are residing at 1st Floor, Rajatha Complex, A.M.Lane, Chickpet, Bengaluru-560053, **3) Mrs. SANTOSH KUMARI,** aged about 51 years, **W/o. Mr.Praveen Kumar, 4) Mrs. NIRMALA KUMARI,** Aged about 47 years, **W/o. Mr.Arvind Kumar, 5) Mrs. HARSHA KUMARI,** Aged about 48 years, **W/o.Mr.Santosh Kumar,** both are residing at No.209, Rama Iyengar Road, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru-560004, **6) Mr. RAMESH KUMAR,** Aged about 63 years, **S/o.Late.Shantilal, 7) Mr. VIKRAM P JAIN,** Aged about 33 years, **S/o. Late. Praveen Kumar, and 8) Mrs. PREMA DEVI,** Aged about 51 years, **S/o. Mr.Sunil Kumar,** Sl.No.6 to 8 are residing at 1st Floor, Rajatha Complex, A.M.Lane, Chickpet, Bangalore-560053. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners and have good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other persons have any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property. The Owners further represents that, except the agreement to sell dt:07-05-2025 with Mr. Syed Mujahid Pasha they have not entered into any sort of Agreement/s,MOU, any contracts or any other transactions in respect of schedule property.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **14 days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Allthat piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.1/4 (Old Sy.No.1),measuring 20guntas, situated at Kamasandra Village, AttibeleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on the:- **East by:** Land bearing Sy.No.4, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No.138, **North by:** Land bearing Sy.No.1/3, **South by:** Road and land bearing Sy.No.1/5

The access to the schedule property from the road leading from Kammasandra to Sampigehalli is through the road situated on the South Eastern Portion of the schedule property and the owners shall have uninterrupted access through free ingress and egress.

Sd/-
K.Venkata Sudheer - Advocate
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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **23.01.2026** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. M/S PATEL GARLICS , 2. JIGNESH PATEL 3. DVIJA JIGNESH PATEL, 4. HEENA DHRUPESH DHULESIA** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 76,23,368.00/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight Only)** as on **12.12.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15th day of APRIL 2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **Rs. 76,23,368.00/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties.

All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat Bearing No. 105 (a-block) In First Floor, Containing Of 2 Bed Rooms Along With One Car Parking Bearing No.105 (a-block) And The Super Built Area Measuring 1120 Sq. Ft. Of The Apartment Known As "ds-max Silver Nest", Together With 248 Sq. Ft. An Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest Of Land In The Total Land Of Immovable Converted Land Property Bearing Sy. No. 25/3, Converted For Non-agriculture Purpose Dated 27/08/2008, Vide In Order No. Aln(nay)sr 8/2008-09 Of Bbmp Khatha No. 25/3/28/5, Situated At Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560097, And **Bounded On: East By:** Common Road **West By:** Land Property Belongs To Mr. Krishnappa **North By:** Sy. No 27 **South By:** Property Belongs To M/s. Kiran Shelters Of Sy.no. 25/3

Date : 15-04-2026
Place : KARNATAKA
Loan Account No: 10148118160

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

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E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 07.05.2026
Last date of EMD : 06.05.2026

ARM – 2 Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080 25310181. E-Mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-2,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07.05.2026 at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **06.05.2026 .**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid
1.	**1. M/S.Mehaboob Trade Link** No.13/2/F, Deepanjali Nagar, PP Industrial Towers, Mysore Road,Bengaluru-560026. **Also at: M/s SHABANA FAISHION** No 13/2 Deepanjalinagar P P, Industrial Tower Mysore Road, Bangalore Karnataka 560026. **2. Mr.Abdul Salam S/o.Mohammed Yaseen 3. Mrs.Shabnam Afroz W/o.Abdul Salam 4. Mr. Mohammed Akmal S/o.Mohammed Yaseen 5. Mr.Mohammed Illias S/o.Mohammed Yaseen** **No. 2,3,4 & 5 are at :** No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli,Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026.	All That Piece and Parcel of the property bearing site No.07,previously the said site under the limits of Gramantana Horamaavu Village and now it comes with in the limits of BBMP ,Bangalore with B property register and now said site comes under BBMP with assignment of Khata No.7/154/6 of Mahadevapura range of Horamaavu Village and site measuring about east to west on the northern side 70 feet and southern side 76.06 feet,north to south 40 feet and measuring 2930 sft, Property in the name of 1. Mr. Mohammed Illias, 2. Mr. Abdul Salam and Mr. Mohammed Akmal and bounded as follows: **East by:** Kalkare Village Lands **West by:**25 feet road **North by:**Site No.6 **South by:**Site No 8 and 9.	**Rs. 15,17,13,034.71** as on **02.04.2026** plus further interest and cost thereon	**a) ₹ 266.45 b) ₹ 26.65 c) ₹ 1,00,000.00**
2.	**1.M/s Landsend Trading Services** No. 28, Ground Floor, Raheja Arcade, Opp: Forum Mall, Koramangala, 5th Block, Bangalore-560095. **2. Sri O Raghunatha Reddy S/o Sri O Veera Reddy** Residing at No. 541/2, 1st Cross, 8th Main Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **3. Sri Ajay Agarwal W/o Sri Om Prakash Agarwal** C-401, Renaissance Brindavan, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560061.	9 No.s of residential flats at Appartment Named " Bonsal Apartment" at Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. **Property In the name of Mr. Ajay Agarwal.**	**Rs. 8,31,63,853.71** as on **02.04.2026** plus further interest and cost thereon **Incremental Bid ₹ 50,000.00**	
3.	**1.M/s Balaji Fashions** Registered Office at: #202, New Bel Road, Opp: HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560094. **2. Mr. Ajay Agarwal S/o Om Prakash Agarwal 3. Mrs. Neha Agarwal W/o Ajay Agarwal** **No. 2 & 3 are at :** # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069.	7 No.s of residential flats at Apartment Named " Bonsal Apartment" at Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. Property In the name of Mr. Ajay Agarwal.	**Rs. 4,46,84,142.27** as on **02.04.2026** plus further interest and cost thereon **Incremental Bid ₹ 50,000.00**	

Details Of Flat Wise Is Given Below

Sl No	FLAT NO	FLOOR	SBA (Sq ft)	RESERVE PRICE	EMD PRICE
1	E-12	5th	478.12	Rs.17,41,000 /-	Rs. 1,74,100/-
2	E-16	5th	465.48	Rs.16,95,000/-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
3	F-05	5th	465.78	Rs. 16,96,000/-	Rs. 1,69,600/-
4	F-06	5th	465.78	Rs.16,95,000 /-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
5	E-05	4th	465.48	Rs. 16,95,000/-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
6	E-06	4th	465.48	Rs. 16,96,000/-	Rs. 1,69,600/-
7	E-07	4th	478.12	Rs.17,41,000/-	Rs. 1,74,100/-
8	E-11	4th	465.48	Rs.16,95,000/-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
9	D-18	3rd	465.48	Rs.16,96,000/-	Rs. 1,69,600/-
Total			4215.50	Rs. 1,53,50,000/-	Rs. 15,35,000/-

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1	E-10	4th	465.48	Rs.16,95,000 /-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
2	E-13	5th	478.12	Rs.17,41,000/-	Rs. 1,74,100/-
3	E-14	5th	465.48	Rs. 16,95,000/-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
4	E-15	5th	465.48	Rs.16,95,000 /-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
5	C-01	1st	478.12	Rs. 17,41,000/-	Rs. 1,74,100/-
6	C-02	1st	465.48	Rs. 16,95,000/-	Rs. 1,69,500/-
7	D-13	5th	478.12	Rs.17,41,000/-	Rs. 1,74,100/-
Total			3296.28	Rs. 1,20,00,300/-	Rs. 12,00,300/-

Other terms and conditions : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com/ Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer .**(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **06.05.2026**, to Canara Bank, **ARM Branch II Bangalore** by hand OR Email.
(I) EMD to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid form to be submitted.**(f)** The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com
(g) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them by BAANKET. The EMD shall not carry any interest. **(h)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **1. Rs. 1,00,000/-, 2. Rs.50,000/-, 3. Rs.50,000/-**. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
(I) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (j)** For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. **(k)** All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(L)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(m)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. **(n)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(O)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore ,Date : 17.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

JAKKUR LAYOUT BRANCH (20302), No.1 & 2, 1st Cross, Navya Nagar, Near Bharat Sevashram, Jakkur, Bengaluru -560064. Phone No.: +91-8355803302, Email ID: ubin0920304@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (a) Mr.Moolchand Saini S/o Mr.Udal Ram Saini **(b) Ms.Hemlata Saini (Co-applicant), Both are residing at :** Flat No. 007, Ground Floor, 'DS MAX SMART NEST' Apartment, Ganegarahalli Village, Somashettihalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Near Chikkabanawara Lake, Bengaluru-560090 **Alternate Address :** No.210, Nagala Village, Talchhera Post, Dharsoni, Weir Tehsil, Dist. Bharatpur, Rajasthan-321028.
Amount due: Rs.13,24,613.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Only) as on 31.03.2026 Plus Interest plus costs and Expenses.
Description of Immovable Property: SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: (Composite Property): All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land property bearing Sy No. 4/2, which measuring an extent of 35 guntas, situated at Ganigarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, vide Conversion Order dated 26/03/2012 in vide, Order No. ALN:SR(N) CR92/2011-12, issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District and bounded on : E-Khatha No. 150200203400500885, East by : Road, West by : Gramthana, North by : Hanumantharayappa and Girijamma's land, South by : Venkatamma and B C Munuswamyraju's land
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY :(Undivided Share of Land): An undivided share in the land of the Schedule 'A' Property equivalent to 179 Sq.Ft with all right, title and interest and ownership of the land in the total land of Schedule 'A' property.
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : Flat bearing No. 007 in the Ground Floor measuring 853 Sq Ft of super built up area, constructed over the Schedule 'A' property containing 2 bed rooms, Kitchen, Dinning, Toilet/s, Living Room, with one covered car parking bearing No. 007 in the apartment known as 'DS-Max Smart Nest', together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in Schedule 'B' property referred to above, along with water and electricity together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use.

Reserve Price : Rs.37,52,750/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.3,75,275/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Only)as 10% of Reserve Price

Doddabelavangala Branch (00912), Vinutha Nilaya, Doddbelavangala, Bengaluru-561204. Contact No:+91- 9653200912, Email ID: ubin0900915@unionbankofindia.bank.in

2) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (a) Mr. Purushotham L N S/o H Narayanappa, No 50, Lakshmi Devipura, Hadonahalli Post, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205. **(b) Guarantor(s): Mr. C Srinivas** S/o Chikkanna, No.125, 7th Ward, Dargapura, Khasbag, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural District-561203.
Amount due: Rs.1,60,14,866/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Only) as on 31.03.2026 Plus Interest plus costs and Expenses.
Description of Immovable Property: PROPERTY SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Sy. No. 47/2, situated at Dargapura, Khasbag, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, measuring 0.12.06.6 Guntas (13,517 Sq. ft) with two storied residential building thereon and bounded as follows: East : Road and House, West : Property of C Srinivas, North : Property of C Srinivas, South : Road.

Rs.1,32,60,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.13,26,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Only) as 10% of Reserve Price

Date and time of E-Auction: 26.05.2026 between 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction, E-auction website: https://baanknet.com

Bidders are advised to visit the **websites https://baanknet.com** and **https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx** to go through the detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale before submitting their bids and participating in the e-auction proceedings.To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there are no encumbrances on the property.Interested bidders may contact the Branch Manager at the above-mentioned branches contact number and email ID to obtain further details of the auction and for inspection of the property.

Date: 17.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

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CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 08.05.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 08.05.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **07.05.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Increment al Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr.Varun Kumar Madhura,** S/o Mr. Venkatdri Naidu, **(2) Mrs. Divya Varun ,** W/o Mr. Varun Kumar Madhura, **Both are addresses at :** No.1068, 4th H Block, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Hosahalli, Near Kabbalamma Temple, Banashankari 6th Stgae , Bengaluru-560062 **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PSTL A/c No. 0557001800041701 (2) PSTL A/c No. 0557001800039201**	**Total Rs.37,44,522.29 [Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Twenty Nine Only] [(1) Rs. 15,51,194.11 27.03.2026 (2) Rs. 21,93,328.18 06.04.2026]**	**22.09.2023 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **BDA Site No.1068,** measuring East to West 9.00 meters and North to South 6.00 meters admeasuring 54.00 Sq. meters (581.00 Sq.ft) with building Constructed thereon with built up area measuring 1141.00 Sq.ft (Still+GF+FF+SF),Situated at Banashankari 6th Stage , 4th 'H' Block , Vrushabavathi Nagar Layout, Bangalore-560062 belonging to **Mr.Varun Kumar Madhura. Boundaries of property: East by :** Site No. 1079, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Site No.1067, **South by:** Site No.1069. **Property Location: 12.880611,77.533166**	**Rs. 59,59,000/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,95,900/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)**	**1.00 PM to 1.15 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru –Malleshwaram A/c No: 0553500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000055**
2	**(1) Mr. Mahesh M,** S/o Mr.Mohanaiah **(2) Mrs.Vijayalaxmi M Hiremath,** W/o Mahesh M. Both Residing at: No.23, 1st Floor, ASHIRWAD Building , 1st Main Road, Behind Sun Orthopedic Hospital, Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054. **Also at :** No.1675/B2-A6, Behind Siddaganga School, Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Nittuvalli, HKR Circle, Davanagere-577004 Also at : No.13/33,S B M Colony, Davanagere -577004 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No.9197001600017001**	**Rs.56,52,615.68 [Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and Paise Sixty Eight Only] 30.03.2026**	**29.09.2025 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of Property bearing **Site No.11, Municipal Khata No.1411/11,** measuring East to West:50 feet and North to South:20 feet, totally Land measuring **950 Sq.ft (1000 sq.ft** as per Document), situated at Bandemutt, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Mahesh M. Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual: East by:** Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Southern Portion of Property No.11. **Location of the property: 12.902436'N : 77.533372'E**	**Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only)**	**12.45 PM to 1.00 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru– Kasavanahalli A/c No: 9193500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000919**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.bank.in under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **08.05.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **07.05.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 17.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

38,000
women, girls killed in Gaza war by end of 2025, says UN

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Starmer resists calls to quit over Mandelson appointment

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Friday resisted demands he resign over revelations that his scandal-tainted pick for UK ambassador to Washington was appointed despite failing security checks.

Starmer says he was not informed that the Foreign Office had overruled the recommendation of security officials in early 2025 not to give Peter Mandelson the job. Many considered Mandelson a risky appointment because of his past friendship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Starmer said he was "absolutely furious" that he had been kept in the dark, calling it staggering" and "unforgivable." He said he would "set out all the relevant facts in true transparency" to Parliament on Monday. The top Foreign Office civil servant, Olly Robbins, took the fall for the decision and resigned.

The prime minister's job has been endangered by his fateful decision to appoint Mandelson, a trade expert and elder statesman of the governing Labour Party, as envoy to the Trump administration. It was a calculated risk that backfired spectacularly, and could bring down the prime minister. Opposition politicians expressed disbelief that Starmer could have been unaware Mandelson had failed security vetting. Starmer's office said he only found out this week.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer | AP

Darren Jones, the chief secretary to the prime minister, said Friday that "the recommendation was to not appoint Peter Mandelson to the role," and that the Foreign Office ignored it. He said that was "astonishing," but within the rules. He said no government minister had been told of the security assessment.

Jones said the checks, carried out by a department known as UK Security Vetting, "go through financial, personal, sexual, religious and other types of background information, and that is why it is kept extremely private on a portal that only a few people have access to." *AP*

Hormuz fully open, demining begins

US naval blockade to stay 'in full force' until Iran agrees to end war under deal, Trump says

AGENCIES @ Washington/Tehran

IN a major relief for the global energy markets, Iran on Friday declared that the Strait of Hormuz, closed since the start of the current conflict in West Asia, is "completely open" for all commercial vessels.

It comes a day after Israel and Lebanon agreed to a ceasefire deal. "In line with the ceasefire in Lebanon, the passage for all commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz is declared completely open for the remaining period of the ceasefire," Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi wrote on X.

Minutes later, US President Donald Trump shared Iran's announcement in a post on Truth Social."Iran has just announced that the Strait of Iran is fully open and ready for full passage. Thank you!" Trump said, referring to the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said Iran, with help from the United States, is working to remove all sea mines from the strait.

The US naval blockade against Iran, however, will remain in "full force" until Tehran reaches an agreement with the US to end the war, Trump said. "The naval blockade will remain in full force and effect as it pertains to Iran, only, until such time as our transaction with Iran is 100% complete," he wrote on Truth Social. The development comes a day after Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces Asim Munir held talks with the Iranian leadership in Tehran.

Araghchi's declaration bolstered hopes for further peace talks and a renewal of the current ceasefire set to expire next week.

DON SAYS ISRAEL PROHIBITED FROM FURTHER LEBANON STRIKES

US President Donald Trump said Israel is "prohibited" by the US from further strikes on Lebanon and that "enough is enough" in the Israel-Hezbollah war. The White House, however, did not clarify whether the prohibition spans both offensive and defensive strikes

In response to the announcement, oil prices fell by more than 10%. Both the benchmark international contract Brent and its US equivalent WTI fell below $90 per barrel.

However, many shipping companies are preferring to wait and watch. "We don't feel like we need to be taking unnecessary risks, and our company approach is that we won't be the first to go through the strait," a major tanker operator told the BBC.

The 10-day ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon came into effect on Friday. UN peacekeepers said airstrikes have halted, and displaced families began moving back to southern Lebanon and Beirut.

Displaced residents drive back to their homes in the southern Lebanese area of Msaileh | AFP

Lebanon truce holds as Israel signals continued action against Hezbollah

BEIRUT

A 10-day ceasefire deal struck between Lebanon and Israel took effect on Friday, sending displaced residents streaming south towards their homes, even as the Lebanese army warned of "a number of violations" in the area.

Shortly after the truce went into effect at midnight local time (2100 GMT), the army told residents of the south — many of whom had to flee their homes following sweeping Israeli evacuation warnings — not to return, citing "several Israeli acts of aggression".

Nonetheless, AFP images showed packed cars heading southwards along Lebanon's coastal highway before dawn, and crossing at sunrise what was left of a bridge bombed by Israel during the war.

Displaced resident Alaa Damash acknowledged the warnings "to wait a bit" before rushing back home. But the people's "love for their lands and houses, and their attachment to them, pushed them to go back there despite the fire threats", she said.

The ceasefire represents a key step in Washington's efforts to reach a deal to end its war with Iran, with Tehran insisting a Lebanon truce must be part of any agreement.

Mediator Islamabad has been leading the international push to restart face-to-face talks between Tehran and Washington with Trump signaling he might fly to Pakistan to sign any agreement — adding they were "very close" to striking one.

'Hezbollah fight not finished'

Israel has not yet finished dealing with Hezbollah, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Friday, vowing to press on with the Lebanese militant group's "dismantling" just hours after a 10-day ceasefire came into effect. "Today's Hezbollah is a shadow of its former self compared to the heyday of (Hassan) Nasrallah," he said of the group's leader who was killed by Israel in 2024.

"But we haven't yet finished the job. There are things we plan to do to address the remaining rocket threat and the drone threat," said Netanyahu. Israel's other objective, the "dismantling of Hezbollah" wouldn't be "achieved overnight," he said, warning it would require "a sustained effort, patience and perseverance, along with skilful diplomatic manoeuvring."

Netanyahu said Israel's operation had "removed" two threats from Lebanon. "A near threat involving the infiltration of thousands of terrorists and anti-tank fire onto our communities and a distant threat... of 150,000 missiles and rockets to destroy Israel's cities," he said.

Israel's defence minister said on Friday that the campaign against the militant group Hezbollah was not yet complete, just hours after a 10-day ceasefire came into force in Lebanon. He also warned that if the fighting resumed, displaced residents returning to the country's war-torn south would have to evacuate again. "The ground manoeuver into Lebanon and the strikes on Hezbollah have achieved many gains, but they are still not complete," Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a broadcast statement. *AFP*

WAR WATCH

France, UK to lead Hormuz mission

PARIS: France and the UK on Friday welcomed the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz but said freedom of navigation must be fully and permanently restored. President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Keir Starmer said planning was underway for a multinational mission to secure shipping routes. More than a dozen countries may contribute, with military planners set to meet in London next week, amid efforts to stabilise global trade and ease tensions.

Turkey hosts latest diplomatic push

ANTALYA: Turkey on Friday hosted a diplomatic forum bringing together foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and Egypt, as efforts intensified to end the West Asia war. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged dialogue to turn a fragile ceasefire into lasting peace. Talks later Friday were expected to focus on the war and security of the Strait of Hormuz. The meeting is seen as part of broader regional efforts to revive negotiations and prevent further escalation.

London step in with $1B Hormuz cover

LONDON: London insurers will provide $1 billion in extra cover for vessels sailing through the Strait of Hormuz, as the West Asia war disrupts trade, a statement said. Insurance firm Beazley will lead a marine war consortium via Lloyd's of London. The facility aims to support shipping and keep global trade moving, though traffic remains low due to safety concerns, recent attacks on vessels, and ongoing regional security risks.

Saudi rolls over $3B deposit to support Pak reserves

KARACHI

SAUDI ARABIA has reached an agreement with the State Bank of Pakistan which allows for an extension in the maturity of a USD 3 billion deposit with the central bank, it was announced on Friday. The announcement comes a day after the SaudiA Fund for Development deposited USD 2 billion of the USD 3 billion on Thursday with the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), bringing a major boost to the country's skewed foreign reserves.

"The agreement, signed between the SaudiA Fund for Development (SFD) and the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), provides for the extension in the maturity of a USD 3 billion deposit placed by SFD with the State Bank of Pakistan," said a post on X by the Ministry of Finance. The Finance Ministry said that the agreement was signed between SBP Governor Jameel Ahmed and Chief Executive Officer of the SFD Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad.

Minister for Finance and Muhammad Aurangzeb witnessed the signing of an important financial agreement in Washington, DC, in the presence of Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States. The development took place on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings. Saudi Arabia on Tuesday extended its USD 5 billion facility for a further three years and had also pledged the additional USD 3 billion deposits for Pakistan. With this fresh loan, Saudi Arabia has become the single largest country to have placed a total of USD 8 billion in cash deposits with Pakistan's central bank. *PTI*

EU officials in Hungary to discuss release of funds held under Orban govt

BUDAPEST

EUROPEAN Union officials are meeting Friday in Budapest with members of Hungarian election winner Peter Magyar's team about pressing issues including a massive loan for Ukraine as well as unlocking about 17 billion euros of aid for Hungary withheld during the reign of outgoing Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

Magyar will take power in May, but the EU is hoping to jump-start talks to fast-track cooperation with the new government, said European Commission spokesperson Paula Pinho in Brussels on Thursday.

"The clock is ticking for a number of topics," said Pinho. The "preliminary talks" in Budapest before Magyar takes office are to "make sure that once the government is in place action can be taken, if appropriate, and that we do not waste any time." The EU froze the billions in funding to Hungary over concerns of corruption and democratic backsliding during Orban's 16-year rule. But both the EU and Hungary's incoming leaders have prioritised releasing them as soon as possible to give a much-needed injection of cash into Hungary's ailing economy.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen wrote on X on Tuesday that "there is swift work to be done to restore, realign and reform" Hungary's policies in order to unblock the funds.

"Restore the rule of law. Realign with our shared European values. And reform, to unlock the opportunities offered by European investments," said the EU executive, who herself was often vilified by Orban during his campaign. With a supermajority, Magyar said Tisza will push swift reforms on judiciary, media freedom and anti-corruption to unlock funds. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Sri Lanka's min resigns over coal import charges

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's Power Minister Kumara Jayakodi resigned Friday after a presidential commission was appointed to probe coal imports by a state entity. His resignation, along with the ministry secretary's, aims to facilitate an independent investigation, officials said. Jayakodi, who survived a no-confidence vote last week, is the first minister to quit from the ruling National People's Power government elected in 2024, amid opposition allegations of misconduct and procurement irregularities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the Undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **JOHNPETER.E**, S/o Late. Eliyas.A, Aged about 58 years R/at No.14/1, Off Kanakapura Road, Behind Church, Thattaguppe 2nd Block, Thattaguppe, Bengaluru-560082. has filed petition for death certificate of Deceased here in named as **ELIAS, S/O ANTHAPPA, as he was died on 06/07/1980, at Thattaguppe, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.**. if any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble **2nd** A.C.J.M. Bengaluru **on 08/05/2026 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 759/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Shirastedar
Hon'ble 2nd A.C.J.M. Bengaluru
PAVITHRA .R, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client Sri. Manjunath. M S/o Muninanjappa. K, residing at No.38, 2nd Cross, Chowdeshwari layout Pillaganahalli, Gottigere Bengaluru -560083, intends to purchase Schedule Property described herein under, from its present Owner Sri. M. Murali Chandrudu S/o J.M Rajeshwaraya residing at No.25/189.B Shivajinagar, Nandyala District (A.P), any person/s objecting for the said purchase or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate, failing which our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of property bearing House List No.35, Property New EPID No.2438225956, Assessment No.63/1 of V.P. Khatha No.2, Present Property No.1585/35/63/1/2, situated at GOLLAHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring as follows, East To West: 30-0 feet, North To South:45-0 feet, in all 1350 Sq.Ft., in area and bounded on the, East By : Property No.36, West By : Property No.34, North By: Road and South By : Property No.43, along with a house measuring two square constructed with mud walls and Mangalore tiles roof, without any civic amenities.

KANNA C, Advocate,
No.B-3, Ambika Kunj Building, Near J. P. Nagar Sub-Registrar Office, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062.
Mobile No.9886244914.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building 4th Floor, 'Telephone House Raj bhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

O A No.1075/2022

Between:
Union Bank of India,
Rajarajeshwarinagara Branch
...Applicant

And :
Smt. Kanishta and another
...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
Defendant No.2
Sri.T.Gnanaraja
S/o Thavidhu. R/at No.28/2, 9th B Main Road, 6th Cross, K.P Agrahara, Bangalore-560023.

Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.31,44,129/-** (Thirty One Lakh Forty Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine Rupees Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the Summons on or before **22.05.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted
Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on: **17.04.2026**

Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr. MOHAMMED ISMAIL** S/o Feroz Ahmed, has negotiated with **1) Mr. MOHAN M. MANSIGANI, 2) Mr. SUNIL MANSIGANI, 3) Mrs. RAJKUMARI MANSIGANI, 4) Mr. SHANKAR M. R. MANSIGANI, 5) Mrs. POOJA DARYANANI and 6) Mr. ANIL RAMCHAND MANSIGANI**, all are residing in the **United Kingdom**, to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder which originally belonged to their ancestors **Mr. Metharam Pahlajrai Mansigani** and his wife **Mrs. Sajni M. Mansigani**. If any person/s have any manner of rights, interests, share/s, claims or objections of whatsoever nature can lodge their claim/s with the undersigned along with substantial document/s within **03 Days** from this notice and if no claim/s are lodged within the specified period, it will be deemed that the above mentioned persons are the absolute Owners of the said Property and my client will proceed to conclude the sale transaction and register the sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Residential Premises bearing Municipal No.4/6, BBMP PID No.91-77-4/6, E.P.I.D. No.1826094245 (earlier Site No.7, carved out of premises bearing Old No.4/3, New No.4), situated at Saunders Road, BBMP Old Ward No.91, New Ward No.78 - Pulikeshinagar, Bengaluru-560 005, measuring East to West: 81 ½ Feet and North to South: 40 Feet and the total area admeasuring 3260 Metres or 302.9 Square Metres, bounded on the East by: Property No.4/5; West by: Property No.4/7; North by: 25 Feet Road; South by: Private Property bearing No.8;

T.M.SYED AFZAL AHMED (Advocate)
No.151/1-A, Lal Masjid Complex, Jumma Masjid Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051,
M : 9845546676 / 9663702726

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Smt. Kavitha C J w/o Nagesh Gowda C**, aged about 43 years, residing at No. C 306, 3rd Floor, Inland Edilon Apartment, 1st Cross, 4th Phase, Yalahanka New Town, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560 064 intends to purchase the immovable properties morefully described in the schedule hereunder, from its lawful owners and khatedars **1) Smt. Ponna Sudharshana Reddy wife of V Sudharshana Reddy, 2) Sri. V Sudharshana Reddy S/o R Venkata Babu**, and **their family members**, residing at No.6, 3rd Cross, Srinivasa Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy-nagar, Bengaluru-560 016.
Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest in the schedule property may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice and if no valid objections are received within the stipulated time, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property, with assumptions that there are no objections or claims from any person/s against my client purchasing the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing New Sy No.36/21 (old No.36/8, previously old No.36/5) measuring **5 ½ guntas**, situated at **Indrasanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**, and bounded on the;
East By : Land in Sy No.36/8, West By : Item No.2 of schedule property i.e, Land bearing Sy No.36/14 (old No.36/7), North By : 40 feet Road, South By : Hegganahalli Village boundary
2. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing New Sy No.36/14 (Old No.36/7 previously old No.36/5) measuring **7 ½ guntas**, situated at **Indrasanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**, and bounded on :
East By : Item No.1 of schedule property i.e, Land in Sy No.36/21 (old No.36/8), West By : Land belongs to Mallikarjun (Sy No.36/7), North By : 40 feet Road, South By : Hegganahalli Village boundary

Pradeep B.N Advocate
Ground Floor, 3rd Cross, Near Venkatappa Layout,, Shanthinagar, Sri Venkateshwara Theatre Rightside Road, Devanahalli Town 562110

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client, Sri Raghavendra Avula, S/o A. Venkataramana, residing at No.757, 2nd Floor, 13th 'A' Cross, 22nd Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru - 560078, has entered into negotiations to purchase the Schedule Property described herein below from its owner Smt. M. Savitha, W/o M.A. Eshwarappa, aged about 53 years, residing at Channenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk -562130.
Any person or persons having any right, title, interest, share, claim, lien, charge, or objection whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit their objections, if any, in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned advocate at the address mentioned below within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice.
If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections from any quarter, and my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the vendor, free from all encumbrances, claims, or disputes.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No. 30, measuring 0 Acres 13 Guntas, converted for non-agricultural (commercial) purpose (Petrol Bunk / Fuel Station) vide order passed by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, in No. ALN (ST-2) SR: 19/12-13 dated 30-07-2012, situated at Channenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. The said property is presently under lease in favour of Sri Shashikiran M.E., S/o M.A. Eshwarappa, who is running a petrol bunk in the name and style of M/s SGN Fuels, having obtained retail dealership from M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
Boundaries: East: Property belonging to M A Eshwarappa West: Land in Sy. No. 30 North: Pipeline South: Bengaluru-Magadi Main Road.

GURUPRASAD H.M., Advocate,
Rangappa Complex Near Court Bus Stop
Magadi Town - 562120
Mobile: 9740716704

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE RURAL
G & WC. NO. 48/2026

BETWEEN: 1. Kum. Snithi M. Reddy, Daughter of late Shalini .N and Manjunatha Reddy, Aged about 9 years, Since minor rep by next guardian/ Grandmother / Petitioner No.2
2. Smt. Prameela @ Prameeelamma, aged about 65 years, Wife of Muninarasimha Reddy, No.300, Vittasandra Road, Near Begur Circle, Begur, Bangalore. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: Nil ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioners have filed the above petition u/s 10 and 29 of the Guardian and Wards Act 1890 seeking leave to sell the minor's right in the schedule property. That petitioner No.2 is grandmother of minor petitioner No.1. If any person who has any claim or objection to the said petition may appear before the Court in person or by pleader duly instructed to answer all the questions relating to the suit on **08/06/2026** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the claim, failing which you will be placed Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

1. All that piece and parcel of the Residential property Site No.3, formed out of property bearing No.102/3, and property bearing NO.78, New property No.78/4, situated at Begur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, measuring Eastern side 23.2 feet, Western side 32.5 feet, Northern side 38.11 feet Southern side 42.7 feet, totally 1093.05 square feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.4, **North by:** Remaining portion of property No.102/3, **South by:** Site No.2
2. All that piece and parcel of the residential property Site No.4, formed out of property bearing No.102/3, and property bearing No.78, New property No.78/4, situated at Begur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, measuring Eastern side 78.2 feet, Western side 90.8 feet, Northern side 45.11 feet Southern side 57.4 feet, totally 4310.79 square feet and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.1,2 and 3, **West by:** Site No.5, **North by:** Remaining portion of property No.102/3, **South by :** Road

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 09/04/2026
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru
PRAKASH .K.N, Advocate

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, KALABURAGI
Beside Mini Vidhan Soudha, Station Main road, Kalaburagi-585102,
Email:commissionergda@gmail.com, Phone No.08472-221214

No: KUDA/Plots E-Auction/2/2026-27 Date: 17-04-2026

NOTIFICATION FOR THE E-AUCTION OF CORNER AND STRAY SITES AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS LAYOUTS DEVELOPED BY THE AUTHORITY

1) Date and time for payment of the processing fee and EMD to participate in the e-auction : From 23-04-2026 to 08-05-2026 up to 5:30 PM, 2) Last date and time for submitting bids in the e-auction, From 12-05-2026 to 13-05-2026 up to 5:30 PM (Delta time: 5 minutes), **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount payable to participate in the e-auction, For plots measuring up to 600 Sq Ft. 50,000/- For plots measuring more than 600 Sq Ft.1,00,000/- Minimum bid increment amount : Rs.20,000/-**
Sl No. Name of the Scheme : 01 Dhariyapur – Kotnoor (Beside Koranti Hanuman Temple and adjoining Housing Board) 48, 02) CIB Colony 01, 03) Shaikroza Phase–2 (Suvarna Nagar, road near Lal Hanuman Temple, Shahabazar) 20, 04) Filter Bed Phase–1 (Gokul Nagar) 01, **Total: 70.**
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: The terms and conditions of the e-auction and further information can be checked on the **website: kppp.karnataka.gov.in Department : Kalaburagi Urban Development Authority** or obtained from the office during working hours. Only those who agree to the auction terms and conditions are eligible to participate in the e-auction

Sd/- Commissioner
Urban Development Authority
Kalaburagi

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
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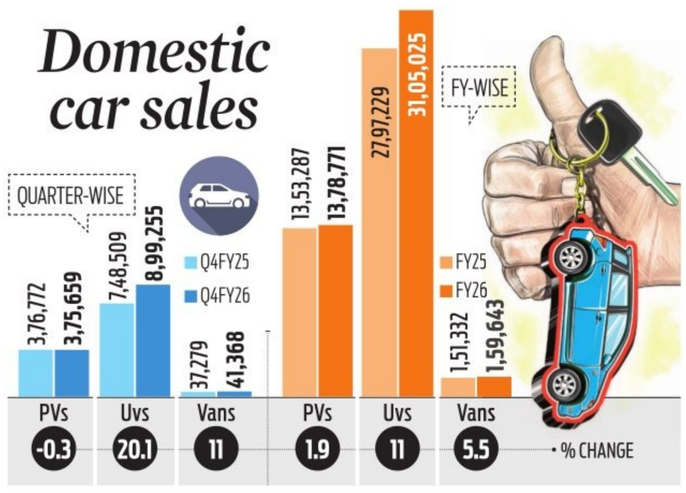
156.80 ▲	Nifty	24,353.55	₹1,250 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹141,500	₹50 ▼	10 gm	₹2,650	▼	Euro	109.19

*Delhi Mandi Price



UV sales rise 11%, lead four-wheeler market in FY26

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

EVEN as domestic four-wheeler sales grew 8% to a record high in FY26, passenger car sales, which include hatchbacks and sedans, rose just 1.9% year-on-year to 13,78,771 units. Their share in total passenger vehicle (PV) sales slipped below 30% from 31.5% in FY25, as per Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data. The tepid growth reflects fewer launches and SUVs' surging popularity among buyers.

Demand for hatches and sedans took a further hit in January-March quarter with sales declining 0.3% to 375,659 units as against 376,772 units in the same quarter of the last fiscal. Contrary to this, utility vehicle (UV) sales surged by 20% in the reported quarter to nearly 9 lakh units.

"Hatchbacks will remain popular as they are a preferred choice for many first-time buyers. What we are seeing is that mini SUVs have become an alternative to hatchbacks. But that being said, appeal for hatchbacks will be there due to their practicality in congested urban centres and affordability quotient among first-time buyers. However, that can't be said for mass market sedans. Buyers of sedans have moved to SUVs and sales here are primarily driven by fleet operators," said Puneet Gupta, Director, S&P Global Mobility.

He added that hatchback percentage share may further shrink risks due to price increase because of stricter emission norms in the coming years.

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India's PV industry closed FY2025-26 at a record high with domestic sales rising 7.9% year-on-year to 46.43 lakh units, as per Siam data. The growth was supported by income tax relief, repo rate cuts and GST 2.O in late September which boosted demand in the second half of the fiscal. UVs drove demand with 11% sales growth, capturing 67% of India's PV market.

Players strong in this segment outperformed the industry's overall growth. Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV), which sells Nexon and Punch, reported a 14.05% increase in FY26 sales to 631,387 units while Mahindra & Mahindra sales grew b 20% to 6,60,276 units, driven by strong demand for models such as XUV 3XO, Scorpio-N, Thar Roxx and XUV 7XO.

Centre clears 17 banks for release of gold, silver held up at Customs

5 tonnes of gold and 8 tonnes of silver remain stuck at Customs since April 1, say reports

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

A bureaucratic lapse by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) led to tonnes of imported gold and silver being held up at Customs since April 1 — an error that could have resulted in prices of precious metals going up ahead of Akshaya Tritiya. The issue, however, was rectified on Friday after the government renewed the list of banks authorised to import precious metals for FY27.

Banks had permission to import gold and silver only until March 31, 2026. In the absence of a fresh notification, they halted import orders from overseas suppliers, resulting in a pile-up of consignments at ports. As per media reports and economist estimates, about 5 tonne of gold and 8 tonne of silver have remained stuck at Indian Customs since April 1 due to the lack of a formal government order authorising bullion imports. The government, however, has not provided an official estimate. "It is difficult to give a consolidated figure right away because multiple cargoes are stuck across several ports," a government source said.

Officials from DGFT and Customs, when contacted, sought to attribute the lapse to each other.

As per a notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce, 15 banks have been authorised to import both gold and silver, while two banks have been allowed to import only gold. The approval is effective from April 1, 2026, and will remain valid until March 31, 2029. The previous order, issued in April 2025, had expired on March 31, 2026.

The 15 banks permitted to import both metals include Axis Bank, Bank of India, Deutsche Bank, Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, Punjab National Bank, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, among others. Union Bank of India and Sberbank have been allowed to import only gold.

Importers other than those operating in special economic zones (SEZs) or export-oriented units (EOUs) will now require specific government licences to import precious metals. The rule has come into effect immediately, with no transition period, even for shipments already in transit. With Akshaya Tritiya approaching and banks unable to import during the interim, concerns had mounted over a potential spike in domestic prices.

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

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India stable place for global investors: Sebi

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

DESPITE the ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and market volatility and the resultant market correction, India remains a stable, resilient, and globally competitive destination for long-term capital, Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has said wooing global investors.

Supported by reforms such as T+1 settlement and improved investor access, the Indian market is a competitive place to be in for the patient capital, Pandey told a gathering of the global investors in the US, highlighting that India's markets have become a structural pillar of the financial system.

Speaking at an event organised by the industry body CII and the US-India Business Council on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings, Pandey said the country's capital markets have become a structural pillar for the global financial system, with strong macroeconomic fundamentals and deepening investor participation.

TRADE LAW

INDIA URGES U.S. TO DROP SEC 301 FORCED LABOUR PROBE

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIA has opposed the US Section 301 investigation into alleged forced labour practices, arguing that Washington has failed to identify any specific policies or practices in India that lead to such violations. In its official rebuttal submitted to the United States Trade Representative (USTR), New Delhi has urged the US to refrain from unilateral measures and instead resolve concerns through bilateral trade agreement (BTA) talks.

"India further submits that the present investigation does not satisfy the legal requirements for initiation under Sections 301 and 302 of the Act. India requests the USTR to make a negative determination and terminate the investigation," the government said in its submission.

India has argued that, in the absence of any clearly identified policy linked to forced labour across export sectors, the probe unfairly shifts the burden of proof onto the country. It has also submitted a detailed, sector-wise rebuttal addressing the allegations. For instance, India stated that its textile exporters do not rely on cotton imports from high-risk regions such as Xinjiang. It added that imports of man-made fibres or accessories from countries like China are typically buyer-driven and subject to stringent compliance checks by global brands.

The rebuttal comes ahead of the next round of BTA negotiations between the two countries. The Indian negotiating team, led by chief negotiator Darpan Jain, is set to visit Washington next week for the first in-person round of talks after the US Supreme Court struck down tariffs imposed by US administration.

K'taka remains start-up capital, funded 1,300 new ventures: Priyank Kharge

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Minister for Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Priyank Kharge, said the state's role as a global innovation hub continues to strengthen, and invited stakeholders to actively participate in shaping the next phase of technological transformation through Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2026.

Kharge was speaking at the curtain-raiser for BTS 2026, scheduled to be held from November 17 to 19. On the sidelines of the event, Kharge said Karnataka has funded over 1,300 start-ups and remains the start-up capital of the country.

BTS 2026, organised by the Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka, is expected to bring together over 1,800 exhibitors, 25,000 delegates, 1,000 start-ups, and more than 60,000 business visitors from over 75 countries, making it one of the most influential global platforms for technology, innovation, and collaboration.

The theme of this year's summit is "AI and Beyond". Kharge said the Delhi outreach was aimed at engaging with diplomats to seek their support in bringing more companies from their respective countries to Karnataka.

He added that over 80 countries are already participating, with more than 40 ambassadors, high commissioners, deputy high commissioners, and other dignitaries expected to attend the event. Kharge said: "A lot of people have been asking for innovation through regulatory sandboxes. This is something we are keen to pursue as a government. We have experimented with it at a small scale, and we will now look to expand it further."

PROBE ON

Received no complaints of harassment at Nashik: TCS

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ New Delhi

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday said that it received no complaints related to allegations of sexual harassment or religious conversion at its Nashik unit.

"While detailed reviews are still underway, a preliminary review of the systems and records pertaining to the Nashik unit indicates that we have not received any complaints of the nature that are being alleged on either our ethics or POSH channels," said K Krithivasan, chief executive officer and managing director.

The company has engaged external experts from Deloitte and law firm Trilegal to act as independent counsel to its internal probe led by Aarthi Subramanian, president and chief operating officer of TCS.

Alongside this, TCS has formed an oversight committee chaired by independent director Keki Mistry. The company said the findings of the investigation will be presented to this committee for review and implementation of any recommendations.

Providing further clarification on the matter, Krithivasan addressed media reports regarding a female employee named in connection with the case. "She was employed as a process associate without any leadership responsibilities," he said, adding that she was neither an HR manager nor involved in recruitment.

TCS also denied claims that its Nashik unit had been shut down, stating that operations are continuing as usual and client services are unaffected.

LPG pipeline bidding process starts, oil prices fall

PIPELINES TO ACT AS STORAGE

PNGRB said these pipelines would act as storage during times of need and help address supply security crises. The proposed pipelines are designed to connect key supply sources, including refineries and import terminals, with LPG bottling plants, ensuring seamless evacuation and distribution of LPG across multiple regions

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has initiated the bidding process for the development of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipeline infrastructure to eliminate bulk movement to the extent possible.

As part of this initiative, nine LPG pipeline projects have been identified for development. Currently, PNGRB is in the process of concluding bid proposals for four pipelines. The cumulative length of these proposed pipelines is approximately 2,500 km, reflecting the scale and strategic importance of the initiative. The pipelines include the Cherlapally–Nagpur Pipeline, Shikrapur–Hubli–Goa Pipeline, Paradip–Raipur Pipeline, and Jhansi–Sitarganj Pipeline.

The regulatory body said these pipelines would attract a tentative investment of about ₹12,500 crore. The move is expected to curb accidents associated with LPG transportation by road.

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"India's LPG consumption in cooking and commercial end use is recognised to be key. There is a need to connect ports and refineries with bottling plants efficiently. While pipelines are the preferred mode for transportation, a major volume is still carried by bulk tankers," the regulatory body said.

Oil prices fell sharply on Friday after the announcement by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi that Iran had reopened the Strait of Hormuz to commercial shipping amid the ceasefire in Lebanon.

Adani overtakes Ambani to become Asia's richest person as stocks surge

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Group chairman Gautam Adani has overtaken Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, to become India's and Asia's richest person on the back of sharp surge in the shares of his listed entities. With a net worth of $92.6 billion, Adani surpassed Ambani, whose fortune stands at $90.8 billion, according to the latest billionaire rankings.

Adani, who heads the port-to-power conglomerate and has business interest in cement and real estate, is currently ranked Number 19 on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, which tracks the world's 500 richest individuals and is updated daily.

Adani's wealth is largely derived from his shareholdings across the group's 10 listed companies. A recent surge in Adani Group stocks has added billions of dollars in market value, underscoring strong investor appetite for assets linked to India's economic expansion and energy transition.

RICH LIST

1. Gautam Adani's net worth stood at 92.6 billion
2. Mukesh Ambani's net worth stood at 90.8 billion
3. Elon Musk remains world's richest person

By contrast, Ambani's wealth, anchored by his flagship conglomerate Reliance Industries that spans energy, telecom and retail, has seen comparatively modest gains, reshuffling the region's billionaire rankings. Adani and Ambani are the only Indians in the top 50.

Elon Musk, the chief executive of Tesla - the world's most valuable carmaker - and rocket manufacturer SpaceX remains the richest billionaire. His networth of $656 billion is more than double of his closest rival, Larry Page. Page, co-founder of Alphabet, the holding company for Google, is worth $286 billion Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, is ranked at Number 3 with a net worth of $269 billion.

'Vedanta was never highest bidder for JAL'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE resolution professional of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) told the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) that there has been no formal declaration identifying Vedanta as the highest bidder in the insolvency process, as per court submissions.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Resolution Professional (RP) said an e-mail dated September 5 circulated to bidders only conveyed the highest financial value discovered during challenge process, and didn't constitute an official declaration of a successful bidder. He alleged Vedanta's claim of being highest bidder amounted to "suppression of material facts".

ASIANOMICS

CHINA

ECONOMY GROWS 5% IN FIRST QUARTER

China's economy grew by 5% in the first quarter of this year, exceeding expectations despite the global fallout from the US-Israel war. The first three months of GDP generated 33.4 trillion yuan (about USD 4.87 trillion), accelerating by 0.5 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2025, data from China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Thursday. The result marks a strong opening to China's 15th Five-Year Plan period, which begins from this year, the NBS said. The plan aims to reshape China's economy, which has been struggling with several issues, including weak consumption, a shrinking population and a prolonged property crisis. Property investment, a heavy drag on economic growth last year, fell 11.2% in the first three months of the year, worsening slightly after a fall of 11.1% was reported in January and February.

MALAYSIA

ECONOMY GROWS 5.3% IN Q1 OF 2026

Malaysia's economy grew 5.3 per cent in the first quarter from a year earlier, official advance estimates showed on Friday, moderating from its pace at the end of 2025 as activity slowed in some key sectors. In the final quarter of 2025, gross domestic product had expanded by 6.3 per cent, the fastest pace in three years, driven by higher domestic demand, exports and investments. The rise in the January-to-March period was driven by sustained growth in the manufacturing, services and construction sectors, though momentum has slowed compared to the previous quarter, the statistics department said in a statement. The mining and quarrying sector declined 1.1% in the quarter due to lower production, particularly of crude oil and natural gas.

JAPAN

RAISE RATES, KEEP FISCAL STIMULUS TARGETED: IMF

Japan should gradually raise interest rates while keeping fiscal support targeted, a senior official from the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday, highlighting resilience in the country's domestic economy. The remarks come ahead of the Bank of Japan's upcoming policy meeting later this month, where policymakers are expected to assess economic headwinds alongside inflationary pressures linked to the ongoing Middle East conflict. "Growth has held up quite well in Japan," Krishna Srinivasan, director for the IMF's Asia Pacific Department, said, as cited in a Reuters report. He pointed to strong domestic demand, improving wage growth, and robust outcomes from annual wage negotiations as key drivers supporting the economy. Srinivasan added that wage growth has turned positive, reflecting stronger income conditions for households.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Capital Limited

Registered Office:- Indian Rayon Compound,Veraval,Gujarat-362266,
Branch Office: No 01/78, Star Avenue, 6th Cross, Victoria Road,
Victoria Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560047

APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE
[RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

Whereas, On Account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the scheme of amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal – Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned in the schedule below stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd, the amalgamated company.

Accordingly, undersigned being the Authorized officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited (now Aditya Birla Capital Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 29.01.2026** calling upon **M/s. LAKSHMI SAI PRAVISION STORE, Mrs. SRILATHA BURRAMSETTY and Mr. KOTESWARA RAO B as Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgager/ Guarantor** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 58,97,966.58/- (Rupees Fifty-Eight Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and Paise Fifty-Eight Only) as on 23.01.2026** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

The Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgager/ Guarantor having failed to repay the entire notice amount together with further interest and other charges, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th day of April , 2026.**

The borrowers and co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Capital Limited for an amount of Rs 58,97,966.58/- (Rupees Fifty-Eight Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and Paise Fifty-Eight Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.91, formed in Survey No.61, Property No.1005/91, E.Swathu Property ID No. 150200101500101190, old Property No.91, Janjar No. 1005 Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 sq., feet, together with RCC roofed House, situated at Yadavanahalli Village, Attibele Hobil, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on: East By : Plot No.83, West By: Vacant Land, North By : Plot No.92, South By : 30 feet Road

Date: 18.04.2026
Place: Bangalore.
LAN: ABBANTL_000000766851.

for Aditya Birla Capital Limited
Sd/- Authorized Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE,HSR LAYOUT

No, 241, 19th Main Road, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru – 560 102,
Mob. No : 9972361099, Email: racpc.hsr@sbi.co.in / maint.hsr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

AAS / 51162 / HL / 955 / AC No. : 40868802523

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **04.02.2026**, **Mr.Joshua Samuel John S/o. Mr. John And Smt. Ferina Esther Christilda W/o. Mr. Joshua Samuel John** to repay the amount mentioned in the noticebeing **Rs. 66,85,695/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five only) as on 02.02.2026.** You are also liable to pay future interest from **03.02.2026** and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **16.04.2026**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 67,97,398 /- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight only) as on 15.04.2026** and you are also liable to pay future interest from **16.04.2026** and expenses thereon.

The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Absolute Sale Deed Regd Doc. Property :- No. ABL-1-05816, CD. No. ABLD1251 Dated: 26.08.2022 AND MOD – No. ABL-1-05817, CD. No. ABLD1251 Dated: 26.08.2022

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : Item No 1 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/1 situated at **Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk,** Bangalore District, measuring 12 Guntas (Converted vide Order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.199/2006-07, Dated 23.07.2009, by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the : East By : Road; West By :Remaining Property of H. Muniyappa; North By :Road; South By :Property of Mamatha Srinivas;

Item No 2 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/1 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 14 ¼ Guntas (Converted vide Order No.B.DIS.ALN(A)SR.255/2004-05, Dated : 16.12.2004, by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the : East By : Remaining land of same Survey Number; West By : Remaining Property of H. Muniyappa; North By : Remaining land of Chinnaswamy; South By : Ramaswamy, Sharadamma, Abbaiah;

Item No 3 :- All that piece andparcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/5 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 6.03 Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.251/2011-12, Dated 05.03.2012, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :East By : Property of Sri. Chikkavenkatappa; West By : Property of Sri. Chinnaswamy; North By : Property of Smt.Mamatha Srinivas; South By : Ramaining Property of the same survey number;

Item No 4 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.14/1 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 1 Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.251/2011-12, Dated 05.03.2012, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :East By : Remaining Land belonging to Sri. R. Venkatesh; West By : Property of Sri. Chinnaswamy; North By : Property of Sri. Sallapuriyappa and Sri. Jayaram; South By : Property of Sri. Muniyappa;

Item No 5:- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.14/1 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 12 Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.251/2011-12, Dated 05.03.2012, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :East By : Remaining Land of same Survey Number; West By :Property of Sri. H. Muniyappa; North By :Property of Sri. Muniyappa and Sri. B.D.Shanai; South By :Property of Sri. Yallappa;

SCHEDULE "B" : Iteam No 1 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/3 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 10 Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.58/2012-13, Dated 04.06.2012, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :East By : Property in Sy.No. 13/4; West By: Remaining Property of Sy.No.13/3; North By : Sy.No.13/1; South By :Sy.No.14;

Item No 2 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/12, Old Sy.No.13/4, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring $21^{1/2}$ Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)CR.35/2015-16, Dated 14.07.2015, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the : East By : Land in Sy.No.13/5; West By : Land in Sy.No.13/3; North By : Property belonging to Sri. Rajagopal Reddy; South By :Property belonging to Sri. H. Muniyappa;

Item No 3 :- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.No.13/5, Old Sy.No.13/4, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring $12^{1/2}$ Guntas (Converted vide order No.ALN(A)(A)SR.251/2011-12, Dated 05.03.2012, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the : East By : Property of Sri. Jallana Bhovi; West By :Property of Sri. Chinnaswamy; North By : Property belonging to Smt. Mamatha Srinivas; (Remaining part of the same Sy.No.13/5), South By : Property belongs to Smt. Mamatha Srinivas ;

COMPOSITE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in **Sy.No.13/1, 13/3, 13/12 (Old Sy.No.13/4), 13/5, 14/1, situated at Kammasandra Village, AttibeleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Totally measuring 2 Acres $9^{1/2}$ Guntas (Converted vide Order Nos. ALN(A)(A)SR.199/2006-07, Dated : 23.07.2009, B.DIS.ALN(A)SR.255/ 2004-05, Dated : 16.12.2004, ALN(A)(A)SR.58/2012-13, Dated : 04.06.2012, ALN(A)(A)CR.35/2015-16, Dated : 14.07.2015, ALN(A)(A)SR.251/2011-12, Dated : 05.03.2012,** Issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East By : Road and Remaining land in Sy.No. 13/5; West By : Land belongs to Sri. H. Muniyappa; North By : Land belongs to Sri. Chinnaswamy; South By : Land belongs to Sri. Ramaswamy; Smt. Sharadamma and Sri. Abbaiah;

SCHEDULE "C" : (Property hereby agreed to sold the Purchaser): An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Composite Property measuring to an extent of **468 Sq. ft.** Proportion to the Schedule "D" Apartment.

SCHEDULE "D" : (Description of the Apartment Constructed); A 3 BHK Apartment bearing No. A-1301, on the 13th Floor vide Katha No. 5969396737 and assessment No. 151/13/1/3/4/5/12 & 14 /1 **13th F/A1301** in the building known as **"PRAGATHI AMBER"** ConstructedIn Composite Property, having a super built up area of **1560 Sq.ft**. (Which is inclusive of thecommon Walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas) and with 1 Covered **Car Parking** Space in **Basement / Ground Floor** and bounded by : East By : Left Lobby; West By : Open Space; North By :Open Space; South By : Corridor;

Place:Bengaluru
Date:16.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Home Loan Centre, HSR Layout, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby informed that my Clients Mrs.Deepa C/O: Shivaramu and Sri.Harish K S/o.Kempanna E., Both Residing at No:748 1st Cross, Kateramma Temple Road, Doddabommasandra, BANGALORE 560097. Has lost the original Sale Deed vide Document No:BYP-1-01687-2010-11 stored in C.D.No:BYPD50 registered on dated 13.07.2010 at the office the S.R.O Bytarayanapura, Bangalore. Ppertaining to the below mentioned SCHEDULE PROPERTY. The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the Schedule Property shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.90/2, BBMP Katha No.172/2/90/2, Present BBMP present Katha E-PID No.5613706465, Situated at Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Presently within the limits of BBMP. Measuring: East to West 50 ft & North to South: 19 ft in total measuring 950 Sq ft. And bounded on: East By: Road and property of Venkatagirappa West By: Venugopalaswamy's Temple, North By: Property of Narayanamma,Jayamma & Krishnappa's, South By: Property of C Krishnappa

Sri.B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate
No. 334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038. Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, CREDITORS, INVESTORS, VENDORS, CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES AND ALL CONCERNED PARTIES

It is hereby brought to the notice of the general public that **M/s. Tejas** Engineering located at Office at 104, Changama raju Garden, Guru Raghavendra Nagar 7th Phase,Bangalore – 560078, a partnership firm located at JP Nagar, Bangalore, engaged in the manufacture of cutting tools, is currently facing legal complications. Dissolution proceedings of the firm have been initiated, and the matter is active before the High Court of Karnataka.

The partners of the firm are:
Mr. Madhukar V.S., holding 42.5% share;
Mr. Gurudev H.G., holding 42.5% share; and
Mr. Basavaraja M.C., holding 15% share.

The aforementioned partners shall retain their absolute rights in their respective shares and in the firm's day-to-day business operations until any legal or official decree from a competent court orders otherwise.

Creditors, investors, vendors, customer, employees or any other parties dealing with the firm are hereby cautioned to take due note of these facts and conduct their transactions accordingly, at their own risk and responsibility, until final resolution of the matter.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2026

SUKESH N.J. ADVOCATE
J S LAW ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
No. 75/1, 1st Floor, Anjaneya Temple St. Opp to Yediyur Ganesha Temple, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bangalore -560070.
lawassociatesjs@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that **I Sri. Bala Krishna** Residing at 2/662- A3, Samundi Nagar, Avalapalli Road, Basthi Hosur- 635109, I have Lost my Original Property Sale Deeds Documents Bearing No 1701/2007-08 Dated: 29/01/2007 and Another Document Bearing No 15198/2008-09 in respect of Plot No 3, Formed in Sy 232/2B and 232/2B1 in KTR layout Situated at Avalapalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu at the time of travelling, I filled Compliant in Karnataka State Police portal Vide Lost Report No.2157061/2026 dated: 15/04/2026, if any persons get the said documents please Return to me to below mentioned addresses or hand over the nearest police station.

From- **Bala Krishna**
Address 2/662- A3, Samundi Nagar, Avalapalli Road, Basthi Hosur- 635 109,
Mob: 9036812385.
G-Mail: Bala.suji.2010@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-12)

O.S No. 6006/2021

BETWEEN: SRI. RAJENDRA PRASAD. B @ RAJENDRA REDDY, R/at No.222, Top Bakery Road, Varthur Main Road, Thubarahallli, Bangalore East, Bangalore-560066 **...PLAINTIFF**

AND: SRI. SADASHIVA REDDY T K & ORS **...DEFENDENTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1, 2, & 10 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CPC DEFENDANT No. 1, 2 AND 10

1. SRI. T.K.SADASHIVA REDDY @MUNICHOWDA REDDY, S/o. late M. Krishna Reddy, Major, Residing at Hebbagodi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District-560099... **DEFENDANT No. 1**

2. SRI. K. SRINIVASA REDDY @MUNIREDDY, S/o. late M. Krishna Reddy, Major, Residing at Hebbagodi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District-560099... **DEFENDANT No. 2**

3. SRI M. YESHWANTH SHENOY, S/o. Late Sri. Vishwanath Shenoy, Major, No. 43, 2nd Cross, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru-560079 **...DEFENDANT No. 10**

Whereas, the plaintiffs above named have filed a suit for relief of declaration and possession as against the Defendants in respect of the Suit Schedule Property. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, at Bengaluru (CCH-12) on **30-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M, in person or represent through their counsel in respect of their claim, otherwise the matter will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.68 measuring 2 Acres 30 guntas of Tubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru East Taluk along with construction standing thereon and bounded as follows: **East by:** Muniyappa's land, **West by:** Taggli and Munireddy's land, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Sriram Samruddi Apartment,

Given under my hand & seal of court on 16-04-2026

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

LOKESH RAO. B.S, Advocate
S.KALYAN BASAVARAJ & ASSOCIATES
No. 102, 1st Floor, Pristine Vara, Infantry Road, Bangalore 560001.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE,HSR LAYOUT

No, 241, 19th Main Road, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru – 560 102,
Mob. No : 9972361099, Email: racpc.hsr@sbi.co.in / maint.hsr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

AAS / 16212 / HL / 432 / A / C - No. :35530481259

WHEREAS,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **12.02.2026, Mrs.Aparna Poda W/o. Mr. Maruthi Rao Kolluri** to repay the amount mentioned in the noticebeing **Rs. 62,64,367/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven only) as on 10.02.2026.** You are also liable to pay future interest from **11.02.2025** and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **16.04.2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 63,96,901 /- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred One only) as on 15.04.2026** and you are also liable to pay future interest from **16.04.2026** and expenses thereon.

The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Absolute Sale Deed Regd Doc. Property :- No. INR-1-01734-2017-18, CD. No. INRD191 Dated: 30.05.2017 AND MOD – No. INR-1-01735-2017-18, CD. No. INRD191 Dated : 30.05.2017

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : Item No 1 :- All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.129/4, earlier bearing BBMP Khata No.302, Sy.No.129/4, presently bearing portion of Amalgamated Municipal Khata No.301/Sy.No.128/19/129/4/128/20, measuring 32 Guntas / 34848 Sq.feet(Converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 06.12.2012 bearing **No.ALN(EVH)SR.551/2011-12** issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) situated at **Boganahalli Village, VarthurHobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on the : East By : Land bearing Sy.No.129/3; West By : Road &Devarabeesanahalli Village Border; North By :Land bearing Sy.No.129/2; South By :Land bearing Sy.No.128/20;

Item No 2 :- All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing old Sy.No.128/8, presently bearing New Sy.No.128/19, earlier bearing BBMP Khata No.301, Sy.No.128/19, presently bearing portion of Amalgamated Municipal Khata No.301/ Sy.No.128/19/129/4/128/20, measuring 25 Guntas / 27225 Sq.feet (converted vide Official Memorandum Dated : 04.03.2013 bearing **No.ALN(EVH)SR.388/2012-13,** converted for Industrial (Hi-Tech) purpose issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, later changed for residential purpose vide Change of Land Use Dated : 16/11/ 2013 bearing No.379/2013-14 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority) situated at **Boganahalli Village, VarthurHobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk and Bounded on the:East By : Land bearing Sy.No.128/18; West By :Devarabeesanahalli Village Border & Road; North By : Land bearing Sy.No.128/20; South By : Land bearing Sy.No.128/8;

Item No 3 :- All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land property beaering Old Sy.No.128/8, Presently bearing New Sy.No.128/20, earlier bearing BBMP Khata No.303, Sy.No.128/20, presently bearing portion of Amalgamated Municipal Khata No.301/Sy.No.128/19/129/4/128/ 20, measuring 32 Guntas / 34848 Sq.feet (converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 11.12.2012 bearing **No.ALN.(EVH)SR.237/2012-13** issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District), situated at **Boganahalli Village, VarthurHobli,** earlier Bangalore Souty Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the : East By : Land bearing Sy.No.128/9; West By : Road &Devarabeesanahalli Village Border; North By: Land bearing Sy.No.129/4; South By : Land bearing Sy.No.128/19;

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
(Comprising of Item Nos. 1,2, & 3 Properties Described above)

All that piece and parcel of the converted lands bearing **(a) Sy.No.129/4,** earlier bearing BBMP Khata**No. 302 Sy.No. 129/4, measuring 32 Guntas / 34848 Sq feet** (converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 06.12.2012 bearing **No. ALN.(EVH)SR.551/2011-12** issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), **(b) Old Sy.No. 128/8,** Presently bearing **New Sy.No. 128/19**, earlier bearing **BBMP Khata No.301 Sy.No.128/19,** measuring **25 Guntas / 27225 Sq, feet** (converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 04.03.2013 bearing **No. ALN(EVH)SR. 388/2012-13, converted for Industrial (Hi – Tech)** purposes issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, later changed for residential purpose vide Change of Land use dated : 16.11.2013 bearing No.3792/2013-14 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority and **(c) old Sy.No. 128/8,** Presently bearing **New Sy.No.128/20,** earlier bearing **BBMP Khata No.303 Sy.No.128/20, measuring 32 Guntas / 34848 Sq. feet** (converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 11.12.2012 bearing **No.ALN.(EVH)SR.237/2012-13**, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, all **situated at Boganahalli Village, Varthur Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring **2 Acres 9 Guntas,** presently bearing amalgamated the Municipal **Khata No. 301 / Sy.No.128/19/129/4/128/20** and bounded on : East By : Sy. No.129/3, 128/9 & 128/18; West By : Road & Devarabeesana halli Village Border; North By :Sy.No. 129/2; South By :Sy.No. 128/8;

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 531 Sq.ft. undivided right, title and owenership in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Flat bearing **No. 520** in **WING – III**, in the **Fifth Floor**, admeasuring **1618 Sq.feet** Super Built up area, containing **Three Bed Rooms**, with **RCC** Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Wooden Doors and Windows, together with One Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase and lift, over the Schedule "A" Property known as **"SANDEEP SQUARE".**

Place:Bengaluru
Date:16.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Home Loan Centre, HSR Layout, Bengaluru

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	51870430000572	1) Mr. Prakash, 2) Mrs. Pujamma, 3) Mrs. Bhagya H A	**14.01.2026 Rs.5,17,484.71** (Rupees Five Lakh Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four and Seventy One Paisa Only) **as on 06-01-2026**	**Date: 16-04-2026 Time: 04:58 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.l83/ll4/2, E Katha No.150300302500600190 situated at Hadripura Village, Comes within the purview of Hadripura Grama Panchayath, Doddaballapura Taluk and Bangalore Rural District Measuring East-West 13.1064 metres, North-South 4.8768 Metres, totally measuring 71.90 Sq.metres and **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Munichinnaiah, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural
Date: 17.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of Mrs.V.Revathi W/o Late Sri.B.Krishna, as the owner of the below mentioned properties. if any person/s (including any entity)has any right regarding the Schedule property, objections accompanied with documents shall be filed with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of Publication. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has a clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained nor binding on my client on whose behalf this publication is being made.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

A. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Re Sy.no.188/1, measuring 6 ½ guntas, Sy.no.188/2, measuring 7 ¾ guntas and Sy.no.188/3, measuring 13 ¾ guntas, in all measuring 28 guntas, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded on
East by : Properties in Sy.no.189/6 and 189/2,
West by : Road
North by : Property in Sy.no.187 and
South by : Properties in Sy.no.191/2, 191/3 and 191/4.

b. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.no.189/2, measuring 8 guntas, Sy.no.189/3, measuring 10 guntas,Sy.no.189/4, measuring 10 guntas,Sy.no.189/5, measuring 10 guntas, Sy.no.189/6, measuring 11 guntas, Totally measuring 1 acre 9 guntas, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded on
East by : Property in Sy.no.189/1,
West by : Properties in Sy.nos.188/1, 188/2 and 188/3,
North by : Property in Sy.no.187 and
South by : Properties in Sy.nos.190/2, 190/7, 190/6, 190/5, 190/4 and 190/3.

C. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.no.190/2, measuring 9 guntas, Sy.no.190/3, measuring 12 guntas,Sy.no.190/4, measuring 12 guntas, Sy.no.190/5, measuring 13 guntas, Sy.no.190/6, measuring 8 guntas and Sy.no.190/7, measuring 6 guntas, in all measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, situated Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded on
East by : Property in Sy.no.190/1,
West by : Property in Sy.no.191/4,
North by : Properties in Sy.no.189/2, 189/3, 189/4, 189/5 and 189/6 and
South by : Property in Sy.no.195.

D. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing re-Survey 191/2, measuring 15 guntas, Sy.no.191/3, measuring 6 guntas, Sy.no.191/4, measuring 24 guntas, in all measuring 1 acre 5 guntas, situated at Kaggalipura Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bounded on
East by : Property in Sy.no.190/2,
West by : Road,
North by : Property in Sy.no.188/3 and
South by : Halla and property in Sy.no.193.

E. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.no.193, measuring 9 guntas situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded on
East by : Property in Sy.no.195,
West by : Kanakapura Main Road
North by : Halla and properties in Sy.nos.191/2, 191/3 and 191/4 : and
South by : Property in Sy.no.194.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, The General Public are hereby informed that my clients **Sri. RAMAKRISHNA Y. S/o. Sri. Chikkayaroobanna, Aged about 42 Years, Aadhar No.6618 9503 6304, PAN No.ADZPY0122F and Smt. DEEPA B.** W/o. Sri. Ramakrishna Y. Aged about 33 Years, **Aadhar No.7446 6646 5067, PAN No.CRNPD3447C,** Both are R/at No.9, 1st Cross, Sampangiramaiah Police Quarters Back Side, Kaduondanahalli, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560 045, And also at No.4, K.K. Pete, Sidlaghatta, Chikkaballapura Districrt-562 105, my clients are intending to purchase the Property bearing Vacant **Site No.230**, vide Khatha application No.BD007S-260001257, PID No.6000088012, Dated : 11-02-2026, 2nd Block, Arkavathi Layout, in Sy No.2/2 of Sampigehilli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now Yelahanka Taluk Bengaluru, in a Layout formed by "Bengaluru Development Authority" Bengaluru, Presently comes under the Limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.5, measuring East to West : 12 Meters, North to South : 9 Meters, totally measuring 108 Square Meters, and bounded on: **East by : Road, West by : Site No.258, North by : Site No.231, South by : Private Property, for valuable sale consideration from (1) Smt. NARAYANAMMA K.** W/o. Late Gundu Rao K. Aged about 64 years, R/at No.6, 1st Cross Road, Rathnamma Layout, Manorayanapalya, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 032, **Aadhar No.5528 0111 6439, PAN No.AEHPN5226J, (2) Smt. K. PADMAJA,** D/o. Late Gundu Rao K. & Smt. Narayanamma K. W/o. Sri. K. Ravishankar, Aged about 45 years, R/at No.22, Ayyappa Block, Near Apporva Meadows Apartment, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560 064. **Aadhar No.7051 5765 0133, PAN No.APMPP2032G, (3) Sri. K. ROOPESH,** S/o. Late Gundu Rao K. & Smt. Narayanamma K. Aged about 31 years, **Aadhar No.4101 2088 1284, PAN No.BSKPR8594P, (4) Sri. YESWANTH K.** S/o. Late Gundu Rao K. & Smt. Narayanamma K. Aged about 29 years, Aadhar No.9485 9595 6594, Vendors No.3 & 4 both are R/at No.6, 1st Cross Road, Rathnamma Layout, Manorayanapalya, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 032, the Bengaluru Development Authority has acquired the Vendors/ along with other adjacent Lands bearing Sy.No.19/1, 17, 18 and 31/1, totally measuring 15 Acres 07 Guntas for formation Arkavathi Layout vide Government Order No.NaAaE/170/BLAO 2011, Dated : 18-03-2011 as per the above order 45% of the land reserve for civic amenities and remaining 55% of land for formation of Residential Layout and after formation of Layout the said authority had issued order No.LAC/90/2003-04, Dated : 04-07-2016, LAC No.21/2003-04, Dated : 04-07-2016, LAC No.22/2003-04, Dated : 04-07-2016 and LAC No.23/2003-04, Dated : 04-07-2016 in the above orders the vendors are eligible for allotment of incentive sites, the Bengaluru Development Authority represented by its Deputy Secretary had executed Registered Sale Deed in favour of Vendor No.1 Smt. Narayanamma K. on the request and consent of others Vendors vide Sale Deed Dated : 04-02-2026, Registered as Document No.BDA-1-04092/2025-26 of Book-I, Registered in the office of the Additional District Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru registered on 07-02-2026 and the Bengaluru Development Authority has issued Possession of the Schedule Property in favour of 1st Vendor Smt. Narayanamma K. vide Possession Certificate No.BD009S260000495, Dated : 08-02-2026. After acquiring the above property the said Vendor No.1 along with her family members have been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical, possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owner thereof and the Vendor No.1 has got transferred the Khatha and other related records in her favour from the BDA vide Khatha application No.BD007S-260001257, PID No.6000088012, on the basis of registered sale deed referred above and also paying the taxes to the concerned authorities regularly now. The Schedule Property comes within the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.5, and the Vendors become absolute owners of the schedule property and also self-acquired property of the same, except the Vendors there are no other have no manner of right, title, interest over the same and my clients intending to purchase the same for valuable sale consideration.

The general public are hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of claim, interest or objection for the purchase of the above property by my clients referred above, they may submit their objections if any along with supporting documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this public notice, failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections and my clients will be proceeding further to complete the sale transactions with **Smt. NARAYANAMMA K. Smt. K. PADMAJA, Sri. K. ROOPESH and Sri. YESWANTH K.** Please note that any claims / objections / right over the above said property received after 15 days from the date of this publication, will not be taken into consideration for any reason/s.

V. MUNIRAJU, Advocate,
No.4, Nikshaa Nilaya, 5th Cross, Sri. Balaji Krupa Layout, Dr. Shivaramakaranthanagara Post, R.K. Hegdenagara, Bengaluru-560 077. Mob No.9448212412/9343418623
RAMAKRISHNA Y. (client) Mobile No.8792042343

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that our client **MR. RAVI PRABHAKAR MARIPPANAVRU S/o. Mr. Prabhakar Mariyappa, MRS. PRITEE RAVI MARIPPANAVRU W/o. Mr. Ravi Prabhakar Marippanavru, MR. SANTHOSH VINCENT DSOUZA S/o. Mr. Hillary Cyprian Dsouza & MRS.MAGDALENE SANTHOSH DSOUZA W/o. Mr. Santhosh Vincent Dsouza** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule below from **MRS. SANTHI SUKUMARAN W/o. Mr. Renu R.** Any person/s, Financial Institutions, Bank etc claiming any right, title, interest, lien, or objection of any nature over the said property is hereby called upon to file their claims in writing, supported by documentary proof, at the office of the undersigned within **7 days** of this publication. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that no such claims exist, and our client shall proceed to finalize the sale transaction, treating any subsequent claims as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing House List Katha **No. 558,** Property No. 10/07, MR No. 10/2005-06, 12/1991-92, 31/1994-95, Situated at **DODDAGUBBI Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West: **66 Feet** and North to South: **28 Feet,** in all measuring **1848 Square Feet** & bounded on the :- **East by : Road, West by : MA Mariyadass's Property, North by : Remaining Portion of Same Property, South by : Narasimhamurthy's Property.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that my clients are intending to purchase the below mentioned in the Schedule Property from present Owners Sri.Sharath Makam and Smt.C R Neeharini.

Any Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be entertained and my clients will proceed to purchase the Property in accordance with law, as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Property bearing site No.96, Old Property No.281/288/96/296, E PID No.2807953212, Property No.281/288/96/296, situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 20 Feet Consisting of Ground Floor residential Building and bounded on, **East by :** Passage of 5 Ft X 20 Ft and remaining property bearing No.96/B belongs to Smt.Gayathri. **West by :** Site No.103, **North by :** Site No.97, **South by :** Remaining portion of the Vendor Property bearing No.96A Now belongs to Krishnamurthy and Common staircase.

VAAGESHWARI ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, No.47, Jayadatta Mansion, 5th Cross, 5th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
Mobile No.9844233994, 9448808844.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Mrs. Mudabeer Sultana W/o Zameer Ahmed Mahmood** intends to purchase the Property mentioned below in the **"SCHEDULE"** have negotiated with the owner **Mrs. C.M. KHURSHEED,** aged about 67 years, W/o T. Ghouse Khan, residing at No.394, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560 022.

Any person/company/firm/institution having any claim of whatsoever kind with regard to the Schedule Property or anybody opposing the said transaction may write to the undersigned **within Ten days** from the date of this notice with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction presuming that there are no claims of whatsoever.

-:SCHEDULE:-

All that piece and parcel of residential house building consisting of **Ground, First floors bearing site No. 65** presently having BBMP Khatha No. 35/65, situated at **Zam Zam Layout, Basavalingappa Nagar, Sampigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru** within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 5(Jakkur) having New Property E.P.I.D No: 1947920469, **measuring East to West 40 feet or 12.19 Meters and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 Meters totally measuring 1200 Square Feet or 111.5 Square Meters** and bounded on the:
East by: Property belonging to Arabic Madarasa
West by : 30 feet Road
North by : Site No. 66
South by : Site No. 64.

M.A. FAYAZ AHAMMED,
ADVOCATE & NOTARY
No.290, 7th Cross Road, R.T. Nagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 032 Mobile:9980060783
Place: Bengaluru Dated: 18-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is intended to Purchase the Residential immovable property bearing No.17-22, Old No.53-120-22, which property is more fully detailed in the schedule from **SRI.NAVEEN ROBBY, S/o.Sri.R.C.Jayadev,** Aged about 44 years, R/at.No.17, 2nd Main Road, Mount Joy Extension, Hanumanthanagara, Bengaluru-560 019, for valuable consideration.

Any person/s or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of my client, should lodge his/her/their/its objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned within **07 days** of the issuance of this public notice, failing which, my client will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential immovable property bearing **No.17-22,** Old No. 53-120-22, E.P.I.D.No.7843887803, Ward No. 164, Vidyapeeta, situated at **2nd Main Mount Joy Road, Near H.P. Petrol Bunk, Hanumanthanagara, Bengaluru-560 019,** measuring East to West **55 Ft. or 16.8Mtrs** and North to South **40 Ft. or 12.2Mtrs,** in all totally measuring **2200 Sq.ft., or 204.4Sq.Mtrs,** consisting of Ground Floor, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor, (Triplex House) RCC building, along with all amenities and bounded on the:-
East by : 30 Feet wide Road
West by : Site No.8
North by : Site No.18
South by : Site No.16

H.T.NATARAJ .B.Com,LLB.
Advocate,
HTN LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 113, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
(Phone No. 9845012696)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 24th day of August 2022 has been entered into by and between Mr. S. Nagi Reddy, Mrs. S. Girija Reddy, Mr. S. Sudarshan Reddy and Mrs. S. Padmini Reddy (Landowners) and M/s. Dhruva Developers and Promoters in respect of the property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder.

The aforesaid Landowners have agreed to execute a Joint Development Agreement in favour of M/s. Dhruva Developers and Promoters and have deposited the original title deeds relating to the Schedule Property with my client.

The general public is hereby cautioned not to enter into any transaction in respect of the said property or deal with the Landowners regarding the same without our prior written consent. Any person doing so shall be doing it at their own risk, cost, and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Re-Sy.No.28/2, measuring 1-00 Acre, situated at Kammagondanahalli village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded by:
On the East By : Road and Pipeline;
On the West By : Sy.No.22 of Venkataramanappa
On the North By : Munishettappa's land and Pipleline and remaining land in same survey number;
On the South By : Road and M.Gopalappa, Narayanappa's Land

MISS MADHURA C.R. ADVOCATE
R/o SBI NRI Branch, Bellary Road, Vinayak Nagar Bangalore. Ph : +91 86187-15596
Mail Id : madhuraraj40@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients have negotiated to purchase the property, described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owners Smt. Dayarthini, Sri K. Anand, Smt. K. Shubhaharitha and Sri K. Rahul.

If any other person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim or objections over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged in writing with the undersigned **within FIFTEEN days** from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and my clients would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my clients. The public are hereby cautioned not to deal or transact with the said property since the same is offered to be sold to my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site in Sy. No. 60/4, (New No. 1/10) E-PID No.4522149720 situated at Yadiyur Village, 35th Division of Bangalore, now identified as No. 1/10, 3rd Cross Road, Anjaneya Temple Road, Yadiyur, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 100 feet or 30.5 meters and North to South: 50 feet or 15.2 meters in all 464.50 square meters or 5000 square feet and bounded on the
East by : Remaining portion of Sy.No. 60/4
West by : K.R. Road
North by : Road
South by : A.T. Street (Corporation Pipeline)

J.N.ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar
Bangalore – 560 078
Mobile: 091-9900095158
Bangalore Dated: 18/04/2026

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE (SENIOR DIVISION) AT : MAGADI

O.S. No. 105/2014

PLAINTIFF : Sri. Muthuraj dead by his LRs V/s
DEFENDANTS : Smt. Seethamma and others

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 10 AND 30

10. Sri. B A RajaKumar president M/s Vinayaka house building co-operative society limited, residing at Adichunchanagiri complex, Bangalore -560040

30. Smt. Smitha R W/o Giri Prasad B S aged about 39 years residing at No. 5-151, 1st Floor, No. 11, Deepthi Sri Nagara park, Madinaguda, Thirumalagiri, Miyapur, Hyderabad, Andrapradesh -560049

Where the above named plaintiff have filed a suit for the relief of partition and separate possession and other reliefs with respect to suit schedule properties against you and others in OS No. 105/2014 on the file of principal senior civil judge at Magadi and the case is pending for steps. The summons / notice issued through court as well as RPAD have been returned as un-served

The above matter has been posted to **3rd June 2026** Take notice/summons and to appear before the Hon'ble court Magadi on **11-00 A.M.** on the above mentioned dated and time either personally or through counsel and to file objection if any. if you fail to appear before the court the case will be decided exparte. Issued as per the orders of this Hon'ble court on this day **7th April of 2026** with seal of this Hon'ble court

SCHEDULE-A

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 21/8 measuring to an extent of 1 acres 12 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Teverekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows : **East by :** Sy No. 26 and forest, **West by :** Venkateshappa, Gopala and Seetharamaiah's land, **North by :** Govindappa's land, **South by :** Srinivasa land

SCHEDULE-B

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 19/6 measuring to an extent of 1 acres 3 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows : **East by :** Venkatesh land,
West by : Sy No. 19/8 schedule property,
North by : Chunchanakuppe boundaries,
South by : Narasamma's land,

SCHEDULE-F

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 8/3 measuring to an extent of 0.06 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows; **East by :** property of Ujjappa, **West by :** Thore, **North by :** property of Venkatara manamma, **South by :** property of Doddavenkatappa,

SCHEDULE-G

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 19/12 measuring to an extent of 0.08 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows: **East by :** property of Thimmaiah,
West by : property of Venkatanarasamma,
North by : Venkateshappa,
South by : property of Narasamma,

SCHEDULE-H

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No.20/2 measuring to an extent of 1 acres 7 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows; **East by :** property of Thimmaiah,
West by : property of Venkatanarasamma,
North by : property of Venkateshappa, **South by :** Road,

SCHEDULE-I

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 20/5 measuring to an extent of 0.06 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows; **East by :** property of Venkatachalaiah, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road,
South by: property of Venkatanarasamma,

SCHEDULE-J

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 20/3 measuring to an extent of 0.06.08 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows;
East by : property of Venkatanarasaiah, **West by :** Road,
North by : property of Venkatachalaiah,
South by : property of Seenappa,

SCHEDULE-K

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 20/7 measuring to an extent of 0.13 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobil, Bangalore South Taluk bounded as follows

SCHEDULE-L

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 20/8 measuring to an extent of 0.01 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village Tavarekere Hobil, Bangalore South Taluk

SCHEDULE-M

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 22/4 measuring to an extent of 0.09 guntas situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 7th day of April 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
Senior Civil Judge & JMFC., Court, Magadi

Advocate for Plaintiff Sri. Changalarayappa
Smt. H T Bharathi Advocates
No.51/52, Near Sri Shaneshwara Temple,
1st Cross, 2nd Main Road,Thyagarajanagara, Bangalore

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Nagaraj M, 2) Mr. Muniyappa P	Loan Account No. 46459410001163 46459630000196 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.347/38, Gramatana E-Katha ID No.150300402500248, situated at Mallasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, and **Bounded by the: East by:** Property belongs to Ramappa, **West by:** Property belongs to Ramappa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Krishnappa. Measuring East to West: 6.096 meters and North to South: 12.192 meters, in all Measuring 55.74 Sq.mtrs.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 14.04.2026	**Rs.8,63,734.90** (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four and Ninety Paisa Only) **due as on 14-04-2026**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 17.04.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

Shubhankar wins Boulders Classic

Two-time European Tour winner Shubhankar Sharma won the inaugural Boulders Classic, in Hyderabad on Friday. Making a highly anticipated return to the DP World PGTI circuit for his first domestic event since December 2021, Shubhankar, took control early with back-to-back six-under 66s to open up a two-shot lead at the halfway stage.

Patidar stakes claim for a place in India T20 squad

BCCI

Shreyas may be country's captain in waiting in the shortest format but do not rule out the MP batter from making a strong case for himself

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

THERE has been a growing clamour for Shreyas Iyer to be called up to the T20I squad. Not without reason. Shreyas has not only been dazzling but his overall package — leadership qualities on and off the park and how he has marshalled a youthful side filled with uncapped Indians — has won him a lot of admirers. So much so that he may be a leading contender to be India's next captain in the shortest format.

The Mumbaikar is in position A1 to make the XI and it won't be any surprise if he finds his name in the upcoming T20I assignments to Zimbabwe, Ireland and England. That he was included in Grade B in the Board of Control for Cricket in India's latest contracts list tells you how highly the current regime rates him even if he has featured in only six games across formats in the last year.

As part of the same queue to make the XI is Rajat Patidar. Like Shreyas, he's also a middle-order hitter who gets going from the first ball. Like Shreyas, he also captains an IPL franchise. And their teams are currently first and second in the standings and look odds on to face each other in the first qualifier later in the season. This isn't just recency bias even if delivering Royal Challengers Bengaluru's first ever IPL title in 2025 is a handy line to have in your resume while waiting outside the selectors' door.

Of course, Suryakumar Yadav is going nowhere. At the post World Cup press conference, he spoke about the desire to not only defend the title in Australia but also about leading at the Olympics a few months earlier. However, they are not his decisions to make. He will be 38 when the next World Cup comes around and there will be a decision to make in the near future.

If they decide to twist, Shreyas will be the favourite but Patidar is making a strong dash. And he's making it by being multi-dimensional. In the middle overs with the bat, he's a destructive force (one of the very few hitters to strike at over 150 from overs seven to 16 in the history of the league).

PATIDAR IN IPL ACROSS ALL SEASONS	In the middle overs — 7 to 16	Against spin
SR	173.61	171.78
4s	56	24
6s	75	51
Balls faced	595	358

Virat Kohli with RCB batting coach Dinesh Karthik | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

He's destructive in this phase of the game because of his ability to hit all kinds of spin from the first ball. He strikes at 172 against the slower bowlers in the history of the league. But he manages this while averaging 51.25. It basically means he's preserves his wicket while going at an extreme tempo. A Patidar in the middle-order also allows Virat Kohli the leeway to look for singles against spin through the middle overs.

Josh Hazlewood, speaking on the eve of RCB's next home match against Delhi Capitals, sang Patidar's praises. "His (Patidar's) batting has been unbelievable, I think, " he said. "He's walked in and often hit the first ball for four or six and not just probably changed the momentum but has taken it to another level. I think that period in the middle phase, he's just really dominated that phase in the game he's scored runs in."

The Aussie pacer also complemented his leadership skills. "He's just learning on the go," he said. "There's so much going on out in the middle, it's so loud and hard to communicate. I feel he progressed (right through) last year. He just kept getting better and better and more confident in himself and this year he's picked it from there."

In this format, you have an army of people working behind the scenes but you need to know how to absorb all that information given to you. It's evident the 32-year-old has done well here as well. "He keeps improving all the time," Hazlewood said. "I think it's about taking that information that's coming from the bench, coming from players, coming from vice-captains and bowlers just to filter through that. He's a pretty calm character out there, which is nice for me I think."

Within a span of 12 months, he has come in and made an infamous trophy shy team champions. If he can captain them to another title in 2026, the selectors may have a headache.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

RCB EYE 4TH STRAIGHT WIN AT HOME

The hosts can win a fourth game on the bounce at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium while Delhi look to arrest inconsistencies in their game. A look at the early fixture on Saturday...

Hazlewood up top

A lot of overseas bowlers have lit the IPL in recent seasons but one continues to endure. Josh Hazlewood was a force to reckon with last year with 22 scalps. And after beginning his season slowly, he's slowly getting up to speed.

Nissanka bright spot

DC may have struggled for valuable contributions with the bat but Pathum Nissanka has stood out with his boundary-scoring ways in the powerplay. He is also capable of accessing different areas of the ground.

RCB vs DC @ Bengaluru | 3:30 PM
Live on Star Sports and JioHotstar

Mid-table battle: Resurgent Super Kings play Sunrisers

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

HAVING unleashed two exciting pace prospects in Praful Hinge and Sakib Husain, a balanced Sunrisers Hyderabad will head into their IPL match against Chennai Super Kings with renewed confidence, here on Saturday. Drafted in place of seasoned campaigners Harshal Patel and Jaydev Unadkat, the uncapped duo made an instant impact, reducing Rajasthan Royals to 9 for 5 inside the first three overs, pushing them to their first loss of the season.

The 24-year-old Vidarbha pacer Hinge has been the standout bowler after dismantling the Royals' top-order consisting Dhruv Jurel, Lhuan-dre Pretorius and skipper Riyan Parag in his fiery first two overs. He finished with 4/34.

Generating bounce from a back-of-a-length spot, Hinge was impressive, while Husain, an unheralded 21-year-old from Bihar who was previously overlooked by Kolkata Knight Riders, complimented him well on debut. Using clever variations in the middle overs, Husain also returned with four wickets as Rajasthan were bowled out for 159 while chasing 216.

The emergence of the young duo has lifted SRH's pace attack, which had been a concern early in the season, and brought better balance to a side otherwise loaded with batting firepower in Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Ishan Kishan and Heinrich Klaasen.

However, there is some relief for CSK with Sanju Samson rediscovering his T20 World Cup form, smashing an unbeaten century against Delhi Capitals and following it up with a 48 in their win over Kolkata Knight Riders. With captain Ruturaj Gaikwad out of touch, CSK could consider pushing him down the order and promoting young Ayush Mhatre, who has impressed with two fifties in his last four innings.

CSK players train at the nets on Friday in Hyderabad | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

CSK FACE SRH CHALLENGE

CSK will be seeking their first away win this season, their third overall, when they face SRH in Hyderabad on Saturday's second tie. Talking points...

Eye on Gaikwad

After three losses at the start, CSK have turned things around with two back-to-back wins. However, captain Ruturaj Gaikwad has struggled with the bat. The opener will be looking to find some rhythm.

Batting muscle

When Sanju Samson gets going, CSK's win percentage goes up. The opener, with support from Ayush Mhatre, has been key for them in recent ties and they'll be looking to score plenty, especially given the fact that SRH boast a strong batting line-up.

SRH's new-ball bowlers

Praful Hinge had a dream opening over, even accounting for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, in the last outing. Thanks to him and fellow new-ball bowler Shakib Hussain, SRH pulled off a massive win over RR. They'll be looking to rise to the occasion again.

SRH vs CSK @ Hyderbad | 7:30 pm
Live on Star Sports and JioHotstar

RR manager fined for using mobile in dugout

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AT 6:40 PM on Thursday, official X handle of Rajasthan Royals posted a video of their explosive opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi requesting team manager Ravinder Singh Bhinder aka Romi to cut a cake. The conversations the duo had in between the 34 seconds video suggest Bhinder had already celebrated his 48th birthday by cutting the cake in the midnight but Sooryavanshi wants him to do it all again. Once the cake was cut, the 15-year-old batter from Bihar offered a piece of cake to Bhinder before having a bite himself.

IPL franchises usually drop such videos during the tournament to engage fans but this particular clip was more than the usual run-of-the-mill contents. It seemed like a statement.

Romi Bhinder cutting the cake in presence of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi | X

Only a few days ago, Bhinder had come under scanner for violating Players and Match Officials Areas (PMOA) protocols by using a mobile phone in the RR dugout with Sooryavanshi seated next to him during the team's match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Guwahati on April 10.

Soon enough, the BCCI's Anti-Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU) sought an explanation from Bhinder. As this daily reported first, the RR team manager cited health reasons and apprised the ACSU that his both lungs collapsed due to which he was on a ventilator for almost a week before being shifted to the ICU. The mobile was in possession only for medical emergencies, Bhinder explained.

Considering the reasons given by him, the BCCI apparently adopted a lenient approach by imposing a fine of Rs one lakh on Bhinder for breaching the IPL PMOA Protocols. The breach relates to the use of a mobile phone in the team dugout, which is in contravention of Article 4.1.1 of the BCCI IPL PMOA Protocols, read the statement issued by the IPL.

"As this was his first breach under the prescribed protocols, a fine of INR 1 Lakh has been imposed in accordance with Article 7.42(a) of the BCCI IPL PMOA Protocols. He has also been warned to exercise greater care in the future and to adhere strictly to the established guidelines," said the statement. The statement also said that Bhinder admitted to the offence and offered an unconditional apology.

As per the protocols, mobile Phones and other electronic communications equipment are not allowed to be used in the PMOA other than for a few members of the team. It clearly says that the team manager may use a phone in the dressing room area but not in the dugout.

GT captain Shubman Gill celebrates his half-century on Friday | AFP

Green gets going but KKR falter

AHMEDABAD: Even as Cameron Green finally came good with a timely 79, Gujarat Titans beat Kolkata Knight Riders by five wickets in the IPL on Friday. Skipper Shubman Gill led the chase for hosts as he scored 86. Later, middle-order batters Rahul Tewatia and M Shahrukh Khan guided the team home. Electing to bat first, KKR lost three wickets in the first four overs. The pace duo of Kagiso Rabada (3/29) and Mohammed Siraj (2/23) tore through the top order, while Ashok Sharma (2/45) and Prasidh Krishna (1/32) provided able support. The Australian all-rounder weathered the early storm before breaking free in the middle overs, smashing seven fours and four sixes in his 55-ball stay. He stitched important partnerships with Rovman Powell and Anukul Roy. **Brief scores:** KKR 180 in 20 ovs (Green 79; Siraj 2/23, Rabada 3/29) **lost to** GT 181/5 in 19.1 ovs (Gill 86; Varun 2/34).

Gill sets early pace with stunning drive

ENS @ Chennai

INDIA'S most accomplished rallying exponent Gaurav Gill returned to action on Friday with an impressive show at the 49th South India Rally. He showed signs of his skill when he dominated the three-day event at the Madras International Circuit. The event is also the second round of the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship powered by Vamcy Merla and Round-1 of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship.

The 44-year-old Delhi-based Gill clocked a combined time of two minutes, 51.5 seconds for the two loops of 1.45 km dirt Super Special Stage piloting a Volkswagen Polo to finish 5.1 seconds ahead of his arch rival Karna Kadur in the APRC segment with Mangaluru's Jason Saldanha in third place. Gill also led the INRC with a 4.1 seconds advantage over local challenger Ritesh Rai while Kadur is in third position.

Chennaiyin FC register first home win of season

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

WHEN Sporting Club Delhi's substitute forward Sourav K saw his right-footed shot miss the Chennaiyin FC goal by inches deep into stoppage time, the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium crowd breathed a sigh of relief. The hosts, at the fourth time of asking, won their first home game by 1-0 in the Indian Super League this season, on Friday.

Farukh Choudhary's left footed attempt in the eleventh minute had handed the hosts the lead. Feeding off a line-breaking pass by Spanish playmaker Alberto Noguera in the left flank, the 29-year-old forayed into the box, and tried his luck. His shot caught Delhi goalkeeper Nora Fernandes off-guard, leaving the stadium, filled by a few thousands, in raptures. What kept Chennaiyin in the match was their defence, keeping an in-form Delhi attack at bay. In the lead-up to the game, a lot had been spoken about how Chennaiyin would cope without Elsinho's presence, who was stretchered off in the team's 1-3 loss to East Bengal last week.

Action from the match between CFC and SC Delhi in Chennai on Friday | CFC

Facing the likes of Mohammed Aimen and Joseph Sunny was not going to be easy but on Friday, the defence came out on top. At the end of the match, the hosts had more ball recoveries, as they capitalised on loose balls. **Friday's results:** Chennaiyin FC (F Chaudhary) 1 **bt** SC Delhi 0; Odisha FC (VP Suhair 40') 1 **drew with** Mohammedan SC 1 (Adison Singh 57').

EXPRESS READ

Djokovic withdraws from Madrid Open

MADRID: Novak Djokovic has pulled out of the Madrid Open beginning next week as he needs more time to recover from a shoulder injury. The Serb has not played since losing to Briton Jack Draper in the Indian Wells fourth round just over a month ago.

India stutter to 157/7 in 1st women's T20I vs SA

DURBAN: Harmanpreet Kaur (47 n.o) and Jemimah Rodrigues (36 off 29) shared a 71 run stand off 51 balls in the middle overs to guide India to 157 against South Africa in the opening T20I on Friday. Brief scores: India 157/7 in 20 ovs (Harmanpreet 47 n.o; Khaka 3/16) vs SA

Chotrani in Hamburg squash quarters

HAMBURG: Veer Chotrani beat German Raphael Kandra 11-8, 11-7, 11-7 in the men's second round to move into the quarterfinals of the Hamburg Open squash. However, Abhay Singh, Ramit Tandon, and Joshna Chinappa, bowed out of the event.

CHAMPION TALK

We have come to a point where we feel we are treated as equals: Captain Kaur

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

WHEN Harmanpreet Kaur saw the sheer number of people at the Ultrahuman HYROX Bengaluru on April 11, she was taken aback. She was pleased that thousands were willing to train, pay attention to their bodies.

She badly wanted to feature in the event but had to be content with the role of cheerleader as she was laid low by illness. "I'm a bit under the weather and I don't want to take any chances because we have an important series coming up (vs South Africa, which began on Friday). I really wanted to come and see but I also wanted to cheer for (PV) Sindhu." So while Sindhu took part in the mixed relay, she looked on from the sidelines. Before the event began, Kaur spoke to this daily on what it means to be referred to as a world champion and the importance of creating a dynasty. Excerpts:

Have you gotten used to being called a world champ?
Yeah (smiles). It's a great change. We wanted to win the World Cup badly. We went close so many times but unfortunately weren't able to cross the line. This time we wanted to cross the line badly. And when people call you a world champion, it just feels so nice, relaxed. It's a great feeling. Grateful that this has happened in my life. Because for any sportsperson, it's very important to win titles.

In my career, I have seen many ups and downs. I wanted to see so many changes for women's cricket and we have come to a point where we feel that we are equally treated and getting all the facilities. When you get equal facilities, you will definitely bring results and there will be change. Credit also goes to the BCCI and Jay (Shah) sir.

Harmanpreet Kaur (R) with badminton ace PV Sindhu | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Whenever people mention Harmanpreet, that knock vs Aus in 2017 (171 not out in the semis) comes to mind. This has surely eclipsed that day?
The most important one for me was world champion. This is the result of all the hard work for so many years and we have achieved that. It's now about being consistent and always challenging for the top honours. The T20s (in South Africa) are also very important. We are keeping ourselves fresh and ready for that and we'll do our best whenever we are on the field.

On the team now going back-to-back in terms of ICC titles with the T20 World Cup coming in June
It's very important. We wanted to cross that line. Now that we have crossed that line, we know that feeling. I know pressure is going to be there but at the same time, how we worked as a team at the last World Cup, that showed us that when we stick together and stay together, we will always do well. We have set that example and now it's about staying together, cheering together, enjoying each other's success and pushing each other whenever required. When a team works together, we can bring about the changes.

This interview was facilitated by Puma x Hyrox

ECO ALARM

Microplastics

IN PRISTINE HIMALAYAN LAKES TIED TO TOURISM AND URBANISATION

MICROPLASTICS (MPs) FOUND IN ALL 24 SAMPLES

Nainital: 813 ± 346 MPs/m3,

Bhimtal: 413 ± 274 MPs/m3

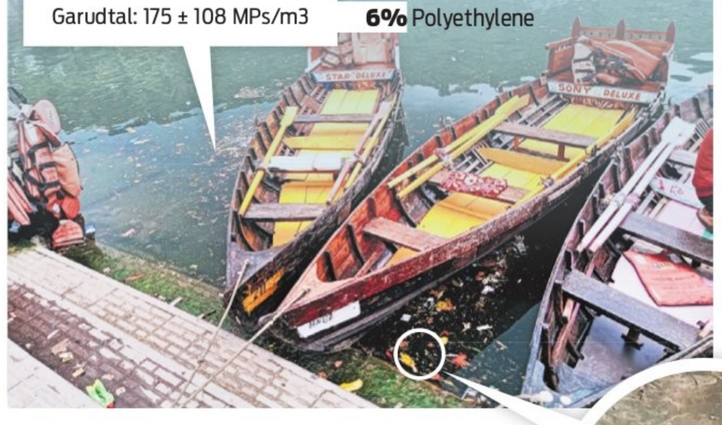
Garudtal: 175 ± 108 MPs/m3

31% Polyester

15% Polypropylene

8% Rayon

6% Polyethylene



Our findings clearly show that no freshwater system, however remote, is free from microplastic contamination. This gradient, from Nainital to Bhimtal to Garudtal, strongly reflects the influence of population density, tourism pressure and land-use patterns on microplastic accumulation

- Dr Kannaiyan Neelavannan

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA
@ Chennai

A new study published in *Scientific Reports* has revealed the widespread presence of microplastics (MPs) in high-altitude freshwater lakes of the central Himalayas, raising concerns over the growing ecological footprint of human activity, even in seemingly pristine environments.

The study, led by Dr Kannaiyan Neelavannan, was carried out through an international collaboration involving King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (Saudi Arabia), IIT Kanpur (India), Cefas (UK), and the University of Madras. Researchers analysed surface water samples from three lakes in Uttarakhand's Kumaun region - Nainital, Bhimtal, and Garudtal - and found microplastics in all 24 samples tested, including those from remote and sparsely populated areas.

"Our findings clearly show that no freshwater system, however remote, is free from microplastic contamination," said Dr Neelavannan, the lead author of the study, to TNIE.

The study found that Nainital Lake recorded the highest concentration, with an average of 813 ± 346 microplastic particles per cubic metre (m3), followed by Bhimtal Lake (413 ± 274 items/m3) and Garudtal Lake (175 ± 108 items/m3). "This gradient, from Nainital to Bhimtal to Garudtal, strongly reflects the influence of population density, tourism pressure and land-use patterns on microplastic accumulation," Dr Neelavannan explained.

These differences closely mirror levels of urbanisation and human activity in the respective catchments, reinforcing the link between land use and pollution.

Nainital, a major tourist hub receiving 7–8 lakh visitors annually, showed the highest pollution levels. The lake's catchment includes extensive built-up areas, roads, and boating activity, all contributing to plastic waste input. A key scientific contribution of the study is its integration of land use/land cover (LULC) analysis. "We demonstrate that watershed development and built-up areas are major drivers of microplastic accumulation in lake systems," the lead author noted.

In contrast, Garudtal Lake, located in a forested region with no permanent population, had the lowest microplastic levels, though contamination was still detectable. "The presence of microplastics even in Garudtal highlights the role of atmospheric deposition and indirect human influences, including nearby roads and limited tourism," Dr Neelavannan said.

The study further noted that "the abundance of microplastics was positively correlated with watershed development and anthropogenic activities such as waste management, transportation, and fishing."

A striking finding is the dominance of microplastic fibres, accounting for 84% of all particles, followed by fragments (12%). These fibres are largely linked to synthetic textiles, released during washing and entering water bodies through sewage and runoff.

"Textile-derived microfibres appear to be a major contributor, especially in urbanised lake catchments," the researchers observed.

Microplastics enter these lake systems through multiple pathways, including surface runoff, wastewater discharge, atmospheric deposition and tourism-related activities, making lakes effective long-term sinks of plastic pollution. Polymer analysis showed polyester as the most common material (31%), followed by polypropylene (15%), rayon (8%), and polyethylene (6%). The dominance of polyester is particularly concerning due to its higher hazard potential.

Most particles were in the 1000–5000 micrometre size range (53%), suggesting relatively slow degradation in cold, high-altitude conditions.

While the pollution load index (PLI) indicated relatively low contamination levels, the polymer hazard index (PHI) exceeded 1000 in many samples, pointing to potentially serious ecological risks.

"This contrast shows that even when overall pollution appears low, the type of polymers present can pose significant ecological threats," Dr. Neelavannan cautioned.

Microplastics are known to act as carriers of toxic chemicals and can be ingested by aquatic organisms, affecting growth, reproduction, and immune systems. Emerging evidence also links exposure to potential human health risks, including inflammation and endocrine disruption. The findings are particularly significant as lakes such as Nainital and Bhimtal serve as major drinking water sources, meeting up to 40% of local demand.

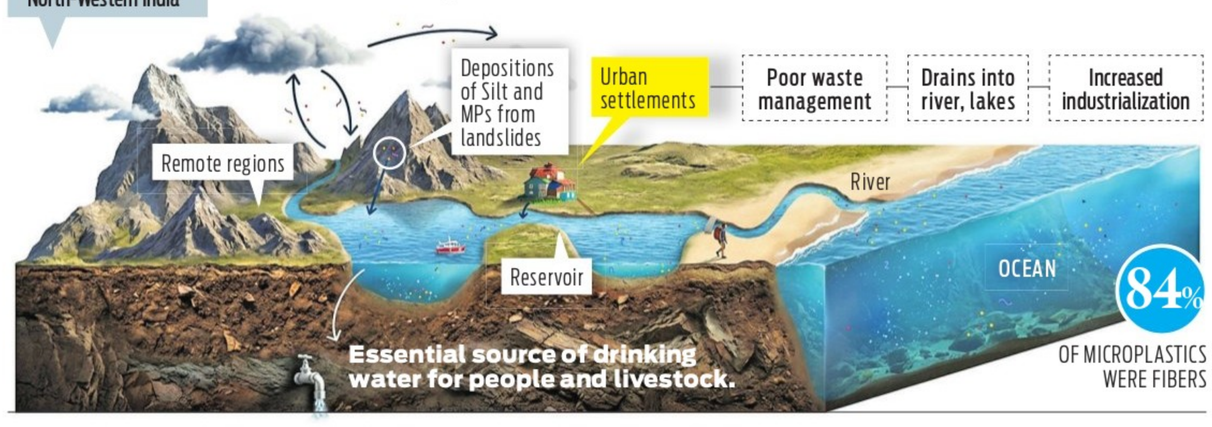
The study also identified localised 'hotspots' of microplastic accumulation near water extraction points, where pumping creates circulation zones that trap floating debris.

"These hotspots near drinking water intake zones are critical, as they may increase the likelihood of microplastics entering water supply systems," the lead author said.

Researchers have called for improved waste management, enhanced sewage treatment and stricter regulation of tourism in fragile mountain ecosystems. The study also recommends integrating microplastic monitoring into national environmental programmes and calls for further research on smaller particle sizes, seasonal variation, and sediment interactions.

DISTRIBUTION AND POTENTIAL SOURCES OF MICROPLASTICS IN HIGH-ALTITUDE FRESHWATER LAKES

Central Himalaya in North-Western India



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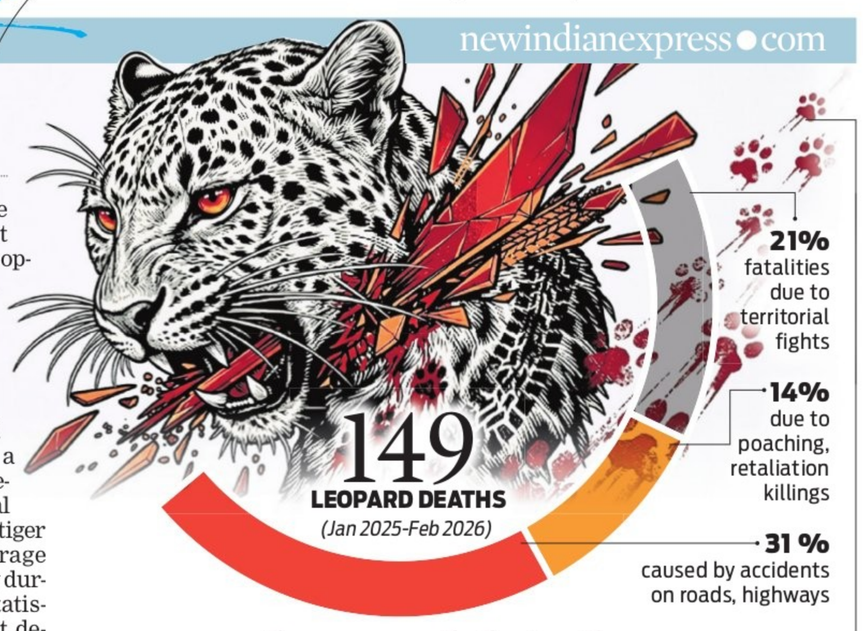
- L Krishnamoorthy, APCCF-Wildlife, MP


149
LEOPARD DEATHS
(Jan 2025-Feb 2026)
21% fatalities due to territorial fights
14% due to poaching, retaliation killings
31 % caused by accidents on roads, highways

GRAVEYARD OF LEOPARDS

Roads and highways biggest killers of leopards in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

ROADS and highways have emerged as the biggest killers of leopards in 'Leopard State' Madhya Pradesh. Over a 14-month period between January 2025 and February 2026, as many as 149 leopards died in the state, according to data shared by the state forest department in response to a Right to Information (RTI) query. This meant that the central Indian state, also the country's tiger and cheetah state, on an average lost one leopard every third day during the 14 months. Detailed statistics provided by the forest department to Bhopal-based wildlife activist Ajay Dubey revealed that 46 deaths, around 31% of the total 149 casualties, were caused by accidents on roads and highways, with 19 actually taking place on only the highways.

Seoni Circle in southeastern MP turned out to be the grave for the leopards, largely due to its proximity to major highways and the Pench Corridor. The significant number of deaths is concentrated in areas where highways bisect forest corridors. A significant number of roadkill was also reported near the Satpura Tiger Reserve in central MP's Narmadapuram district, while the adjoining Chhindwara district turned out to be a hotspot for human-wildlife conflict and poaching incidents.

"A high mortality rate was also pervasive in the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary and Reserve, where leopards frequently cross roads, while a notable number of deaths occurred in the hilly forest patches surrounded by expanding urban and agricultural zones in the Indore and Dewas districts of western MP," Dubey told The New Indian Express. Almost a quarter of the deaths (24%) happened due to natural causes, including old age and diseases. Intra- and interspecies conflict (territorial fights between leopards or conflict with co-predators and other wildlife species) led to 31 deaths, translating to 21% of the total fatalities. "The data suggests that territorial fight is the highest in protected areas, like Bandhavgarh, pointing towards high population density in those specific zones," Dubey added.

Poaching and retaliation killings by humans accounted for 14% of the deaths, while the cause behind 13 deaths (9%) couldn't be ascertained. Also, eight leopards were electrocuted, either deliberately or accidentally, while two were killed in snares.

"Electrocution and poaching are most common in the 'buffer zones' where forest land meets private agricultural fields," Dubey claimed.

The Bhopal-based activist further added that a significant number of accidents occurred on linear infrastructure projects (highways and roads) cutting through forest corridors, while many deaths were reported from areas where leopards live close to human settlements, increasing the risk of electrocution and vehicle collisions. Frequent reports of electrocution emerged from the Malwa region where leopards move through agricultural fields. Farmers often use live wires to protect crops from wild boars which inadvertently kill leopards.

State's additional principal chief conservator of forests (APCCF-Wildlife), L Krishnamoorthy said efforts are being made to reduce leopard mortality in the state. "We're putting in place a roadmap to reduce the mortality, while particularly taking into account the fact that leopards, being small and elusive, are found across the state."

RUSTY-SPOTTED CAT

MP's largest tiger reserve also home to world's smallest wild cat

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A camera trap installed in Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (VDTR) to track big cat movement has captured something exceptionally elusive — a rusty-spotted cat. Considered the world's smallest wild cat species, the Prionailurus rubiginosus has now found mention in a scientific paper from India. The chance discovery was made between February and March 2024, when the Madhya Pradesh forest department and WWF-India conducted a camera-trap survey across 221 grid cells (each 2 km), deploying a pair of cameras per cell and covering a total of 442 km.

During image review, researchers identified the rusty-spotted cat in a photograph reportedly captured on March 12, 2024, in the Dongargaon range of the reserve. VDTR spans parts of Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts in the state's Bundelkhand region.

The animal was identified by its short body, rufous-grey colouration, bushy tail about half its body length, and short, rounded ears. The image marks the first visual record of the species in VDTR, adding to the reserve's documented mammalian diversity within its semi-arid habitat.

The findings have been published in a paper titled First photo record of a rusty-spotted cat in Veerangana Durgavati TR, India by the MP forest department and WWF-India. Madhya Pradesh's largest tiger reserve, VDTR is also set to become the country's third cheetah habitat in the coming months. The rusty-spotted cat is listed as 'Near Threatened' on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. It inhabits dry deciduous forests, scrublands, grasslands and rocky terrain, and is occasionally found near human settlements. Despite its wide distribution in India, this is the first confirmed photographic record from VDTR.

"The discovery indicates a range extension of the world's smallest wild cat, especially since it was long believed to be largely confined to south India. That perception has shifted over the past decade. This record underscores the ecological importance of the reserve and the presence of suitable habitat for small wild cats," divisional forest officer Rajnish Kumar Singh told TNIE. Researchers have called for further studies to better understand the species' behaviour, distribution and conservation status in the landscape.

"Tiger conservation is, in effect, conservation of the entire ecosystem. This first-time photo documentation of the rusty-spotted cat in VDTR reinforces that lesser-known species — mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and birds — continue to survive under the umbrella of Project Tiger. It also highlights the need for sustained monitoring and scientific management," Singh added.

From kilns to clean steel: Rethinking India's sponge iron strategy

SANJEEV K KANCHAN
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INDIA'S coal-based sponge iron sector sits at the centre of a structural environmental problem —high-carbon, energy-intensive and deeply polluting. The latest flashpoint before the National Green Tribunal (Application No. 766/2024 filed by Climate Action Forum, an Odisha-based NGO) sharpens the clash between its CO emissions and India's net-zero ambitions. Backed by studies from TERI, IIT Bombay, CEEW, and McKinsey, the case challenges coal-based rotary kilns and pushes for cleaner alternatives like gas or hydrogen.

The Ministry of Steel (MoS) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) acknowledge the concerns, yet no resolution has emerged, revealing a deeply entrenched policy dilemma. Notably, the plea focuses narrowly on carbon, overlooking the sector's more immediate crisis: severe air pollution and solid waste.

MoS defends the sector's economic role — supporting 2,000 MSMEs and ~40% of steel output — arguing a ban risks shortages and import dumping, seriously affecting India's growth trajectory. CPCB, meanwhile, defers enforcement to states. The core challenge persists: balancing decarbonisation with industrial growth.

Flawed structure

India, the world's largest sponge iron producer, relies on coal-based rotary kilns to produce sponge iron for steelmaking. Unlike the capital-intensive BF-BOF route, these units are small, decentralised, and clustered near coal and iron ore belts mainly of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, Karnataka and Jharkhand. Their low entry cost has enabled 300–400 plants to support thousands of MSMEs and meet rising steel demand.

But the flaw is structural. These plants use low-quality, unprocessed inputs, driving higher emissions and waste. Smaller units are often inefficient, with weak pollution control. The evidence is unequivocal. The IIT Kharagpur report, as directed by the NGT, aligns with many other studies — there is broad consensus on both the environmental cost and the need for transition.

The numbers are stark. Coal-based sponge iron via the EAF route emits ~4.1 tCO /tcs—well above the global average (1.91) and conventional BF-BOF route (2.5). Of the steel sector's ~240 Mt CO emissions, the secondary sector contributes ~50 Mt, with sponge iron accounting for 60 per cent. Each tonne produced emits 2.5–3.0 tonnes of CO , roughly double that of gas-based routes.

The pollution crisis

The sector is more notorious for conventional pollution than carbon emissions, yet the NGT plea largely ignores this. Producing one tonne of sponge iron consumes 2.5–3.25 tonnes of raw material, with the rest lost as emissions and waste, chiefly coal char. The handling of iron ore, coal, and limestone drives chronic air pollution in cluster regions, while coal char is often illegally dumped, compounding health risks.

Most small plants lack adequate pollution control, safety, and efficiency, resulting in persistent pollution, unsafe operations, and frequent accidents. This has persisted for decades with minimal technological or regulatory push. Ad hoc responses — penalties or shutdowns — have failed. What is needed is a supported strategic transition: treat the sector as a partner, upgrade existing plants, and mandate cleaner technologies for new capacity.

Governance deficit, regulatory failure

There is little dispute: the sector is highly polluting and carbon-intensive, compliance is weak, yet it remains economically attractive and nationally important. Concerns trigger studies, notices, and penalties — but production continues, reflecting a deep governance failure.

Despite being the world's largest sponge iron producer, the industry remains largely unorganised, with poor documentation and weak oversight. Laws exist, but enforcement is misaligned with a fragmented, informal sector. The economics are equally flawed. Low input costs and minimal spending on pollution control and safety make the process appear cheap, while environmental and health costs are externalised. This is no longer tenable. India may face 10– 15 lakh crore in stranded asset risk if seen with the 2070 net-zero commitment, while the EU-Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) could penalise exports ranging from 200–600% of profits. Yet new high-emission capacity continues to be approved. The disconnect is stark: law, policy, and practice are moving in different directions.

Roadmap for the sector

Shutting down coal-based sponge iron plants is neither feasible nor desirable. As the MoS notes, the sector underpins steel output, jobs, and growth, using domestic coal and low-grade ore. An immediate ban would be disruptive. But policy must move beyond this binary to a time-bound, financed transition—a distinction long blurred. The path is clear: retrofit existing plants and allow new capacity only with cleaner technologies and best practices. Expansion cannot repeat current inefficiencies. Efficiency gains — processed ore, combustion optimisation, waste heat recovery — offer quick wins; deeper cuts require gasification, renewables, biochar, and CCS. Better pollution control, real-time monitoring, and waste tracking are non-negotiable. The NGT now has a chance to force that shift.

(Views are personal)

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I, **SUJATHA BAIRI**, D/o Late Bairi Bhoomaiah, R/at N-206, "Purva Venezia", Near Mother Dairy, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560 064, hereby declare that I have changed my Son's name from **SUNKARA YASH SIDDHARTH** to **YASH SIDDHARTH BAIRI**, vide affidavit dated: 16/04/2026, sworn before Notary **S. JAYANNA** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S KAMALA VENI**, W/o. No.1328454, EX SPR late. D.Selva, residing at #19, 1st Cross, Near Mangleshma Temple, Vishweshwaraiahnagar, Bengaluru North, Arabic College, Bengaluru 560045, have changed my name from **D KAMALAVANI** to **S KAMALA VENI**, vide Affidavit Dated: 16/04/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD BHARGAVI IGGALORE HANUMANTHA RAJ W/o Manjunath K., residing at No. 162, Manjunatha Nilaya, Rachenahalli Main Road, Near SBI ATM, Bengaluru-560077. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) BHARGAVI IGGALORE HANUMANTHA RAJ to (NEW NAME) BHARGAVI MANJUNATH,** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026 sworn before Notary S.T.Thippeswamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LAXMINARAYANA NAIDU KAKARLA, residing at No.15, 2nd Cross, Chowdeshwari Layout, Kembathahalli Road, Gottigere, Bangalore - 560083, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LAXMINARAYANA NAIDU KAKARLA to (NEW NAME) LAKSHMI NARAYANA KAKARLA** vide Affidavit Dated: 16.04.2026, sworn before Notary K.Venkateshan, Bangalore.

Change of Name

I, **Rajeev Airani,** (S/o. Late Krishnamurthy), R/o. No. 96, Royal Sunnyvale, MS Shelters, Marathi Layout, Chikka Hegade, Kammasandra Agrahara, Near Alliance University, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, do hereby declare that my son's name was earlier mentioned as **Yashaskar** and now his correct name is **Yashaskar Airani.** Henceforth, he shall be known as **Yashaskar Airani** for all purposes, vide affidavit sworn before Advocate & Notary **Sri Muniswamy T.,** on **15-04-2026.**

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I, GEETHA aged about 55 years, W/o. G V Srinivas, R/a No.11, 1st Cross, Muddamma Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore- 560046. have changed my name to **GEETHA.V** vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2026 sworn before Notary Sivakumara. M. N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SAROJINI,** mother of No.16114233K, HAV, PRABEESH KUMAR KT, residing at Vadake Kendy House, Naderi (Post), Koyilandi (Via), Kozhikode (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673620, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SAROJINI V K** And **DOB** from **01.07.1957** to **05.12.1964** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASAVARAJA** (old name), Resident of R G S Group No 31, Flat No. 302, 4th Floor, 23rd Cross, Ittamadu Main Road, Ittamadu, Banashankari 3rd Stage Bengaluru -560 085, have changed my name to **BASAVARAJ B** (New name) vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, T. M. MANJU S/o. Mari Siddegowda, R/a Sheelanere Hobli, Thendekere Village, K.R. Pete Taluk, Mandya District-571426 I am also known, called, recognized in the names of **MANJA GOWDA** and **T. M. MANJU** both these names refer to one and the same person i.e. myself only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **T. M. MANJU** only. Vide affidavit dated 15-04-2026 before Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Prathibhashree R.K**, D/o. Krishnappa R.V aged about 39 years, residing at 67, 4th Cross, Near Ambika School Jai Maruthi Nagara, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Prabhavathi R.K** to **Prathibhashree R.K.** vide affidavit dated 14.04.2026, sworn to before Vanajakshi .R, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEENA B R, C/o Subramanya Kumar, R/o: No. 444, 'Kousthuba', 3rd Block, 11th Cross, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura P.O, Vidyaranyapura, DIST: Bengaluru, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name from VEENA B R to VEENAA vide Affidavit Dated 16-04-2026, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. PAYALBA YOGENDRASINH ZALA, Aged about 40 years, W/o. YOGENDRASINH ZALA, resident of B-1102, Purva Palm Beach, Elu's Road, Hanumanthappa Layout, Kyalasanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka 560077, have changed my name from PAYALBEN YOGENDRASINH ZALA to PAYALBA YOGENDRASINH ZALA for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16/04/2026, sworn before D. Rajanna, Advocate and Notary Public, K. Narayanapura, Bangalore -560077

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AISHWARYA BAGARE (New Name), D/o. Madan Bagare, residing at G4, Oasis Spring Apartments, 3rd Main, Samrat Layout, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560076, India, that I have changed my name from AISHWARYA LAHARI BAGARE (Old Name) to AISHWARYA BAGARE (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as AISHWARYA BAGARE (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 15/04/2026, before Notary H S DHARMA PRASAD, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) KUNHIRAMAN,** father of No.16114233K, HAV, PRABEESH KUMAR KT, residing at Vadake Kendy House, Naderi (Post), Koyilandi (Via), Kozhikode (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673620, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KUNHIRAMAN V P** And **DOB** from **01.07.1952** to **09.05.1956** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMA ANAND** alias **SUMA A** D/o **ANAND** (Father) and **MANGALA** (Mother), resident of No. 1/1, Muniyappa Compound, Coconut Garden, Ashwathnagar, RMV Extn II Stage PO, Bengaluru - 560094, Karnataka, India have changed my name from **SUMA ANAND alias SUMA A** to **SUMA MANJU** vide affidavit dated 15th April 2026 sworn before Notary **Jalandhara** at Bengaluru. Hence forth I shall be known **SUMA MANJU** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARAVEND.D**, aged about 39years, S/o. Dhanashekaran, Residing at No.50, 17th Cross Road, Priyadarshini Layout, BEL Layout, 2nd Stage, Vishwaneedam, Bangalore-560091. Have changed my Name from **(Old Name) ARAVINDHU.D to (New Name) ARAVEND.D** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 17-04-2026 sworn before advocate & Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mukhtar Pasha**, S/o. Hussain Sab, aged about 67 years, residing at Ward No. 22, Behind KEB Compound, Rehmaniya Nagar, Ramanagara-562159, Bengaluru South District, Karnataka State, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Mukhtiar Pasha** to **Mukhtar Pasha,** vide affidavit dated 17.04.2026, sworn to before T.V. Indira, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOPINATH.M, S/o late Muniraju, aged 43 years, residing at No.25, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Bhavani Layout, Suddhagunte Palya, DRC Post, Bangalore - 560029, I declare that below mentioned my son's names **G.TANISH** and **TANISH.G** refers to the same person and henceforth my son 's name will be **TANISH.G** and will be known as **TANISH.G** only, vide affidavit dated 16/4/2026 sworn to before Aravind Patil G G Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUNITA VIJAY MARATHE,** W/o Vijay Shivaji Rao Marathe, R/at Flat No. 102, Pearls Paradise, Basava Samithi Layout, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNITA MARATHE** (old name) to **SUNITA VIJAY MARATHE** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNITA VIJAY MARATHE** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MEHTAB E ANJUM W/o, Mr. Mohammed Yusuf, Age About 29years, Residing at No. 38/1, 6th Cross, B M Layout, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore -560045 have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) MEHTAB E ANJUM to (NEW NAME) "MEHTAB ANJUM"** Vide affidavit dated 07/04/2026 sworn before Notary "C SHARADA, B.Sc., LLB.,D Pharma", Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SUNITHA M R,** Spouse of No.15334418A, HAV, M AMARESHAN, residing at Ella Palle (Vill), N R Petta (Post), G D Nellore (MD), Chittoor (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 517419, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SUNITHA A** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUDHANVA BHAKTAVATSALA BHATTAR,** S/o D.BHAKTAVATSALA BHATTAR, R/at: Sri Prasanna Ganapathi Temple, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, SR Nagar, Bengaluru- 560027. my name mentioned in my Bank Account as "B.SUDHANVA" Whereas in all other documents my Name is mentioned as "SUDHANVA BHAKTAVATSALA BHATTAR" Both the names refer to one and same person. In All Future Correspondence and Transactions I will use my name as **"Sudhanva Bhaktavatsala Bhattar"** Only, vide Affidavit dated 23.03.2026 before Notary **Sumithra.N,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **BISWABHUSAN LENKA**, S/o. Raghunath Lenka, Aged about 43 years, Residing at Chatol, Dhunpur, Jagatsinghapur, Odhisha - 754138 now at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that my son name wrongly mentioned as **Pratyush Lenka** in my son Aadhaar Card, Bonafide certificate, Birth certificate instead of **Prathyush Lenka.** Vide affidavit dated 15.04.2026 sworn before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Khuteja Bee**, W/o. Mukhtar Pasha, aged about 74 years, residing at Ward No. 22, Behind KEB Compound, Rehmaniya Nagar, Ramanagara-562159, Bengaluru South District, Karnataka State, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Khuteja Bee Mukhtiar Pasha** to **Khuteja Bee,** vide affidavit dated 17.04.2026, sworn to before T.V. Indira, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Poornima Acharya, wife of Sri.Sharath.R, aged about 32 years, residing at No.003 MSR Prime Rose, 8th Cross, KPC Layout, Kaikondanalli, Carmelaram PO, Bengaluru - 560035, have changed my name from **"Poornima"** to **"Poornima Acharya",** vide affidavit dated 17/4/2026 sworn to before R Sulakshana Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K.K SHYAM S/o. K.N. Kuttappan, aged about 57 years, residing at No. 43, K.H. NO. 482, Agara Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Tataguni, Bengaluru - 560 082, have changed my name from **K.K. Shyama** to **K.K. Shyam,** vide affidavit dated 9/4/2026 sworn to before G Dayananda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MUKESH KUMAR M. JAIN, residing at Flat No.G-5, Ground Floor, SLV Residency, # 7, Seethapathi Agrahara, Chamarajpete, Bengaluru-560018. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MUKESH KUMAR M. JAIN** to **(NEW NAME) MUKESH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 16.04.2026 sworn before Notary K.Ramegowda., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAKSHMI,** mother of No.15334418A, HAV, M AMARESHAN, residing at Ella Palle (Vill), N R Petta (Post), G D Nellore (MD), Chittoor (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 517419, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) S LAKSHMI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1951** to **01.01.1961** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIDAH KHAN, D/o Sameer Ahmed Khan aged about 36 years, R/at Flat No.12A, 12th Floor, Regency Heights Apartment No.3-2/1, Wheelers Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. have changed my name from **"NIDAH KHAN"** to **"NIDAH AHMIRA WARD"**, vide affidavit dated 10/04/2026 sworn to before Nijagunaradhya Advocate and notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SUJAY H. S. ALIAS SUJAY MURTHY**, S/o. H.V. Sudheendra Murthy, Aged about 34 years, Residing at No. B-13, MIG-2, KHB Colony, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064, and presently residing at Schlickumer Weg 66, 40699, Erkrath, Germany, do hereby declare that, **SUJAY H. S.** and **SUJAY MURTHY** refer to my name and are one and the same person i.e., myself. Vide affidavit dated 16.04.2026 sworn before G.P. Chaya, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mahalakshmi Channa Reddy Patil**, D/o. Subbayya Subramani, aged about 35 years, R/at. No. 68/30, Doddaiah Layout, Jogupalya, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008, do hereby declare that i have changed my name from **Mahalakshmi .S** to **Mahalakshmi Channa Reddy Patil,** vide affidavit dated 08.04.2026, sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, REEHANA BEGUM, W/o. Late. Shafiulla Khan, Age: 68 years, residing at No.40, Fruit Street, Bharathinagar, Bangalore, Bangalore G.P.O. Bangalore, Karnataka 560 001, hereby declare that REEHANA BEGUM and RIHANA BEGUM and REHANA BEGUM All the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as REEHANA BEGUM Vide Affidavit dated 15/04/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Narendran, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. SRIKANTH. R, S/o Rangaswamy residing at No. 62, Srirangagiri, 2nd Cross, Mayanna Layout, Bangalore North, Nagasandra post, Bangalore 560073, Karnataka, have changed my minor son's name from "MOULIK S" to "MOULIK SRIKANTH" for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public, Uday kariyappa B.G., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SEETABAI,** mother of No.16135536M, SPR, PENDHARE VIJAY VISHNU, residing at Room No.10, Phulchand Vishwakarma Chawl Tanaji Nagar, Malad (Vill), Malad East (Post), Borivali (Tehsil), Mumbai Suburban (Dist), MAHARASHTRA (State), PIN: 400097, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SITABAI VISHNU PENDHARE** And **DOB** from **08.01.1972** to **01.01.1974** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE No.JC-313946K, SUB, JABALAL JOE L, residing at House No.1-136/2, Paruthivilai New House, Kollangodu (Vill & Post), Killiyur (Tk), Kanyakumari (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 629160, Have Changed my SON **(OLD NAME) JS SAJIN SAMUEL** to **(NEW NAME) J S SAJIN SAMUEL** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2026 Sworn Before S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SADIQ SHARIFF, S/o Ismail Shariff, aged about 49 years, R/at No.187/1, Sultani Gunata Road Coss, Ayesha Masjid Bangalore-560051.

I State that my son name Mohammed Zaid Shariff, in School Record his mother name entered as **SEEMA** (old Name) instead of **"SEEMA SHARIFF"** (new name) vide affidavit dated 07/03/2026 sworn to before Ravi Kumar V, Advocate and notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mr. A S SURESH**, aged about 74 years, residing at Flat No. C101, Century Saras, Ananthapura Road, Yelahanaka New Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064, do hereby declare that the names belongs to me i.e., **SURESH ARSIKERI SRENIVASA MURTHY** and **A S SURESH** and **SURESH A S** are one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 17.4.2026, sworn to before H.K. Gopalagowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **NAGARAJU NANNEBOINA**, S/o. Sivaiah, Aged about 40 years, Residing at No. 2-16, Katrapadu, Vatticheruku Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522 017, today at Bangalore, I state that, My son actual and correct Name **SRIKRISHNA NANNEBOINA**. In my son documents i.e., Birth certificate and other documents his name was correctly mentioned as **SRIKRISHNA NANNEBOINA**, but oversight in my son educational records his name was wrongly mentioned as **NANNEBOINA SRI KRISHNA** and my name also mentioned wrongly **NANNEBOINA NAGARAJU** vide affidavit dated 16.04.2026 sworn before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMEEN ALI KHAN**, S/o Azeez Khan, aged 48 years, R/a No.17,Kodanda Rama Nagar, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560051 have changed my father's name from **SHAIR KHAN** to **AZEEZ KHAN** vide affidavit dt.17.04.2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAYASHREE (old name) wife of CHANDRASHEKHAR B.E,, date of Birth:19.04.1968, residing at No.401/97, RAJATHA, 9th Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040, Karnataka, have changed my name from **JAYASHREE** to **JAYASHREE S.J.** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2026, sworn to before DEEPA.M, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NARENDRA H** S/o Hanumantharayappa R/o A K Colony, VTC: Pavagada, Tumkur District Karnataka - 561202, have changed my name from **NARENDRA H** to **JOSHUVA JOSEPH**, vide affidavit dated 17.04.2026, sworn before notary D.Saralakumari, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **PARTHIBAN M.K.,** S/o Late Mariyammal & Late Koundi Gounder, aged 46 years, residing at Eka Heights Building, 2nd Floor, Shreshta Nilaya, 15th Main Road, Rose Garden Road, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru – 560078, declare that my name is recorded differently in various documents as: **PARTHIBAN M.K.** (Marriage Certificate & OLD Aadhaar); **PARTHIBAN KOUNDI GOUNDER** (PAN Card); **PARTHIBAN** (Voter ID, Banks, DL, New Aadhaar Card Etc..,); **PARTHIBAN K.** (Educational Records). All the above names refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified as **PARTHIBAN M.K.** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 16.04.2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary B. Chitra (Reg. No. 10153), Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **PREMA.V** W/o Sri Ramakrishnaiah. B aged about 53 years, residing at No.153/A, Ward No.30,Malleswara Badavane, Byraveshwara Nilaya, Ijoor, Ramanagara Town - 562159, Bengaluru South District do hereby declare that I have my name has been wrongly recorded/mentioned in my Adhar Card as PREMA instead of **PREMA.V** vide affidavit dated: 16.04.2026, sworn before Ambarisha advocate and Notary at Ramanagara.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARPITA SANJEEV SHETTY**, W/o Vishwanath Shetti, age 33 years, R/at No. 3-74, Shrinivasa Nilaya, V.T. Road, Dasanadi, Shiroor, Shiruru (Udupi), Udupi, Kundapura, Karnataka-576228, presently R/at No.246, 2nd Floor, 201, 9th A Main Road, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560011 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARPITA VISHWANATH SHETTI** (old name) to **ARPITA SANJEEV SHETTY** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARPITA SANJEEV SHETTY** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.R. RAGHAVENDRA RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YASHASWINI .C**, W/o Pushpindar .M.T, age 37 years, R/o No. 4th Main Road, Bikasipura, Near Bank of Baroda, Paul Chinnappa Layout, Yelachenahalli, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YESHASWINI .C** (old name) to **YASHASWINI .C** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **YASHASWINI .C** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **BHARATI PATIL** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MALLIGA.S, W/o K.Shankar, aged about 64 years, R/at No. 41, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Stage Okalipuram, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560 021, have changed my name from **MALLIKA SHANKAR** to **MALLIGA.S,** vide affidavit dated 17/4/2026 sworn to before K Peethambaran Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIJAY SHIVAJI RAO MARATHE,** R/at Flat No.102, Peals Paradise, Basava Samithi Layout, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **JANHAVI MARATHE** (old name) to **JANHAVI VIJAY MARATHE** (new name), henceforth she shall be known and called as **JANHAVI VIJAY MARATHE** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MRS. NIRMALA SUBRAMANY,** previously called as, **NIRMALA VISHNUVARDHAN, NIRMALA S, and S NIRMALA,** W/o. Vishnuvardhan Kothandapani, D/o. Subramany Pachappa Mudaliyar, aged 48 years, residing at No. Q-301, Block 5, Mantri Serentiy, Doddakallasandra, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560062. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **NIRMALA VISHNUVARDHAN, NIRMALA S,** and **S NIRMALA** to **NIRMALA SUBRAMANY,** Vide Affidavit dated 16.04.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.C. Subbu Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANOJ GUNDANNA**, S/o. Gundanna, Aged about 52 years, residing at No.25, KR Sindhe Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004. Hereby declare that, **'G. MANOJ', 'GUNDANNA MANOJ', 'MANOJ. G'** and **'MANOJ GUNDANNA'** names are one and the same & it refers to me only. Hereinafter I will be called and known as **"MANOJ GUNDANNA"** only. Vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Hemalatha.P, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DALIMI DEVI, D/o Dimbeswar Nathm, aged about 28 years, R/at No. Family Point Ice Cream Center, Kaikondrahalli, Carmelram Post, Bengaluru-560035.

have changed my name from **"HIMA DEVI"** to **"DALIMI DEVI"**, vide affidavit dated 15/04/2026 sworn to before P. Nanjunda advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sachin Jamkhandi,** S/o. Gurulingappa Jamkhandi, aged about 41 years, residing at No. 66, Sy. No. 16/5, Neeladri Kota Hills, Flat No. 206A, Thurahalli, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Sachin Gurulingappa Jamkhandi** to **Sachin Jamkhandi,** vide affidavit dated 17.04.2026, sworn to before Ravi Kumar V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. YASHASWINI .C**, R/o No. 145, 4th Main Road, Bikasipura, Near Bank of Baroda, Paul Chinnappa Layout, Yelachenahalli, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **AMITHYA PUSHPINDAR RATNAM** (old name) to **AMITHYA P Y RATHNAM** (new name), henceforth she shall be known and called as **AMITHYA P Y RATHNAM** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **BHARATI PATIL** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LIMMENA SHARANYA M, D/o. G. Mohan, aged about 24 years, residing at No.4, 1st Main, Muddamma Garden Extension, Benson Town, Bengaluru- 560046 hereby declare that LIMMENA SHARANYA M and LIMEENYA SHARANYA M All the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as LIMMENA SHARANYA M Vide Affidavit dated 22/08/2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ISREAL S S/o Samuel Raj S, aged about 62 years (D.O.B: 03.04.1964), residing at No. 43, Behind Petra Convent, Hennur Bagalur Main Road, Kannur Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560077, have changed my name from **ISREAL S** to **RAJ ISREAL S,** vide affidavit dated 17/4/2026 sworn to before Uday Kumar K Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) PEATHIAMAL,** mother of No.16112917F, HAV, S RAJ KUMAR, residing at Kothadapatti (Vill), Sivagiri (Post), Sivagiri (Tk), Tirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 627857, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PACHYAMMA (A) PECHIYAMMAL** And **DOB** from **01.07.1957** to **01.02.1950** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ARATI RAMESH BPATIL W/o Yamanappa Hunashal, residing at No. 481, Madanamatti Entire Village, Halingali Post, Bagalkot-587315. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) ARATI RAMESH BPATIL to (NEW NAME) ARATI HUNASHAL,** vide affidavit dated 09.04.2026 sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SURESH G N, S/o Narayanappa, aged about 38 years, R/at No.430, Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560087. I State that in my School record my name entered as SURESHA G N, in some other documents my name entered as **SURESH G N,** and my correct name and called as **"SURESHA G N",** vide affidavit dated 17/04/2026 sworn to before A M Rajasekar Advocate & notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATBIR SINGH SALUJA, S/o. Satpal Singh, Resident at No.5A-1102, Provident Park Square, Judicial Layout, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560062, have changed my name from **SATBIR SINGH SALUJA** to **SATBIR SINGH,** vide affidavit dated 17-04-2026 sworn before notary S.N MADHU, Reg. No.10108, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIGNESH NANDAKUMAR**, S/o Nandakumar, age 36 years, R/at Flat No.204, YD Lotus Apartment, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Poorvika Mobiles, Ashirwad Colony, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIKNESH NANDHAKUMAR** to **VIGNESH NANDAKUMAR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIGNESH NANDAKUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VYSHALI .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NO JC-135540M, Ex-Sub, **I S Ponnappa,** residing at #13, 1st Main, 1st Cross, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru 560097, have changed the name of my spouse from **SUNANDI** to **ITTIRA PONNAPPA SUNANDI** vide Affidavit Dated: 16/04/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAGAYARANI**, R/at No. 48, Khata No. 200/2, Somanahalli 3rd Block, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560082 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAGAYARANI SHANTHAPPA** (old name) to **SAGAYARANI** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SAGAYARANI** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SHANMUGAVEL,** father of No.16112917F, HAV, S RAJ KUMAR, residing at Kothadapatti (Vill), Sivagiri (Post), Sivagiri (Tk), Tirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 627857, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) S SHANMUGAVEL** And **DOB** from **01.07.1954** to **12.04.1953** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **INCHARA V B**, aged about 21years, D/o Vinod Kumar B S, Resident of No. 1789, Honalu, 23rd Cross, MRHB Colony, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore-560079. Have changed my name from **(Old Name) INCHARA to (New Name) INCHARA V B** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 15th Apr 2026, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Deepa.M, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SADIQ SHARIFF, S/o Ismail Shariff, aged about 49 years, R/at No.187/1, Sultani Gunata Road Coss, Ayesha Masjid Bangalore-560051.

I State that my daughter name Zainab Shariff, in School Record his mother name entered as **SEEMA** (old Name) instead of **"SEEMA SHARIFF"** (new name) vide affidavit dated 07/03/2026 sworn to before Ravi Kumar V, Advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROHAN NIRANJAN DHULEKAR,** S/o Niranjan Shivaji Dhulekar, age 35 years, R/at C-1002, Mantri Tranquil, Mantri Tranquil Road, Gubbalala, Subramanyapura, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ROHAN DULEKAR** (old name) to **ROHAN NIRANJAN DHULEKAR** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **ROHAN NIRANJAN DHULEKAR** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAI GAURAV GOYAL N, S/o. Sri. Naveen Kumar, R/at #23, 1st A Cross, Near Rajashekar Tent, Brundavan Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061, I am executing this Affidavit to be submitted to the concerned Authorities to confirm that all the names Mr. SAI GOURAV N, Mr. SAI GAURAV GOYAL N, and Mr. SAI GAURAV GOVIL resembles to me and one and the same person and that is myself and now I wish to retain my name as **Mr. SAI GAURAV GOYAL N.** vide affidavit dated 01.07.2025 sworn before S N Madhu, Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Chandrashekar Rao. B, S/o A. Babu Rao, aged about 42 Years, Residing at: No.514, Gokula Layout, Devasandra, Vivekananda Ashrama, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru - 560036, have changed my name from **Chandrashekar Rao** to **Chandrashekar Rao B,** vide affidavit dated 17/4/2026 sworn to before P N Nagesha Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUJATHA BAIRI**, D/o Late Bairi Bhoomaiah, R/at N-206, "Purva Venezia", Near Mother Dairy, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560 064, hereby declare that I have changed my Son's name from **KAARTHI SIDDHARTH SUNKARA** to **KAARTHI SIDDHARTH BAIRI**, vide affidavit dated: 16-04-2026, sworn before Notary **S. JAYANNA**, Bengaluru.

YOU'RE SO GOLDEN!

Emerald chain drop earrings

With Akshaya Tritiya just around the corner and gold prices surging amid global uncertainty, festive buying turns practical, with a shift towards lighter, daily wear jewellery and alternative jewels, especially among young buyers

Minimal serpent bracelet

Necklace with traditional motifs, with temple inspiration

Gemstone ear cuffs

ANJALI RAM

AKSHAYA Tritiya has long been associated with purchasing gold, an act deeply rooted in tradition and belief. But if you step into a jewellery store this season, chances are the mood might feel slightly different. With gold prices remaining high and tastes evolving, buyers are weighing not just what to buy, but how often they will wear it, how versatile it is and whether it fits into their everyday lives.

A noticeable shift is the growing preference for design-led jewellery that balances tradition with everyday wearability. "This season is marked by a shift toward purposeful, design-led jewellery that blends cultural symbolism with everyday usability, including traditional motifs such as temple and floral inspirations," says Ramesh Kalyanaraman, executive director, Kalyan Jewellers. According to him, buyers are looking for pieces that can move beyond occasional wear, which in a way is a move towards contemporary styles.

Silver diamond ring

Saumen Bhaumik, managing director, CaratLane, agrees and adds, "Nearly 80 per cent of our consumers are opting for diamond jewellery, driven by evolving preferences for pieces that are wearable across occasions and align with modern lifestyles." Alongside diamonds, he notes a growing interest in coloured gemstones, cocktail rings and newer formats such as 9KT jewellery and sterling silver-based diamond pieces.

However, with global economic uncertainty, price is an undeniable factor this year. With gold ratesstaying high, buyers are becoming more deliberate – opting for lighter pieces, exploring alternatives like silver or planning purchases in advance. "Customers are either opting to lock in prices or exploring alternatives like diamond jewellery that offer design value beyond just the metal cost," says Neil Sonawala, managing director, Zen Diamond India. There is also a small but growing interest in silver, particularly among younger buyers looking for accessible, design-forward options that still align with the spirit of the occasion without the higher price tag. There are other shifts underway, too. Akshaya Tritiya is increasingly becoming the starting point of the wedding jewellery buying cycle, with more consumers opting to pre-book and plan purchases rather than buy last-minute.

The change in buying patterns is playing out differently across regions. While southern markets continue to favour traditional, higher-grammage gold jewellery, metro cities are seeing a sharper move towards lightweight, design-led and diamond-heavy pieces, reflecting more lifestyle-driven choices. On one end are everyday, affordable designs; on the other, aspirational statement pieces, and younger buyers are central to this change. "We are seeing a distinct 'barbell trend,' where both lightweight, accessible pieces and high-value jewellery are performing positively. And younger buyers are approaching Akshaya Tritiya with a stronger focus on style and personal expression, while still valuing the cultural significance of the occasion," Bhaumik adds.

Daily wear geometrical earrings

CITY READ

Edutainment play ecosystem launched

SkyJumper recently launched 'Curious Kids', an edutainment play ecosystem at Orion Avenue Mall, Banaswadi. Launched by the co-founders, Jitender Chabbra and Suneel Dhar, the experience features trampolines, soft play areas and water-based activities, alongside fast-paced games and projection-based entertainment. It also includes live performances and certifications with real-world learning. Children can participate in challenges, earn rewards and compete in games to witness a sense of effort and achievement. The initiative combines physical activity, creativity and skill-based challenges, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Mango-infused beer introduced in city

Chin Lung Brewery has launched a seasonal raw mango-infused wheat beer across its outlets, marking the start of its summer menu. Brewed with raw mangoes sourced from the brewery's plantation, the beer draws on the flavours of the traditional aam panna, combining tartness with a light, easy-drinking profile. The beer opens with aromas of raw mango layered with hints of citrus and earthy spice to evoke the essence of the season. The hazy wheat ale (around 4.8% ABV) features green mango, citrus and a mild saline edge, with black salt and a subtle chilli adding depth. Priced at ₹185 (per 300ml), the release reflects a growing trend among breweries to experiment with seasonal ingredients while keeping offerings accessible for Bengaluru's warmer months.

TRIVENI SANGAM

Hot Spot

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

DISTANCE FROM B'LURU: Approx. 110km

GETTING THERE: Accessible by private vehicles and buses

TIMINGS: Open all day (best during sunrise and sunset)

ENTRY FEE: Nil

BEST TIME TO VISIT: April-May

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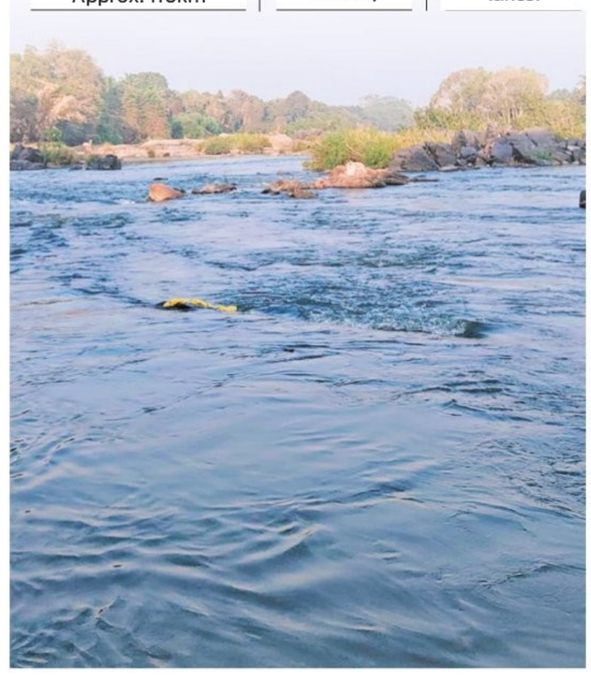

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PARIPOORNA CHANDRASHEKHAR JOINS SHANEEL GAUTHAM'S NEXT

Paripoorna Chandrashekhar

Shaneel Gautham

The actor, who calls this phase 'baby steps,' has already made inroads across all South Indian languages, signing multiple projects

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR-writer Shaneel Gautham, who drew attention with *Su From So*, is set to begin work on his next project starting April 23. The yet-to-be-titled film, directed by *Double Engine-fame* Chandramohan, will be a Kannada-Malayalam bilingual. Backed by BK Gangadhar, the film was developed from a one-line idea by producer Uday Mehta. The makers have now finalised their female lead, with Paripoorna Chandrashekhar coming on board opposite Shaneel.

Paripoorna, who is steadily making her presence felt across multiple languages, is both excited and reflective about this phase of her career. The actor, who made her debut with *Padmagandhi* alongside Suchendra Prasad, says this project came to her at the right time.

"I have managed to make a mark in all South Indian languages. I have completed shooting for a Tamil film, signed a Malayalam project, and recently wrapped my first schedule for a Telugu film," she says, adding that she sees this as just the beginning. "These are baby steps, but I am glad I have started on a good note, working with experienced actors and technicians."

Talking about what drew her to this film, Paripoorna says, "It is always about the role. More than becoming a heroine, I want to be seen as an actor. I look for performance-oriented scripts, and this one immediately caught my attention. When Shaneel narrated the story, I fell in love with my character. It is beautiful, and something every woman can relate to."

Originally from Udupi, the actor adds that the role carries a strong emotional core. "I will be joining the sets soon, but I can say this character will stay with people for a long time. It is a positive role, and working with Shaneel sir will be a great experience."

Paripoorna, who has trained in theatre, counts Suchendra Prasad among her mentors and looks to Sheetal Shetty for guidance. "I am in my rehearsal space, working on the role," she notes.

The film also brings together Prakash Thuminad, Deepak Rai Panaje, along with Ranjan and Athish, both known for *Sa.Hi.Pra.Shaale*. It has music by Prashanth Shetty and cinematography by Chandrasekar.

A SHARADHAA

NOT every book translates into a good film. We can absorb the details and spend time with a book, but a film needs a different flow. What you show, what you hold back, and how it moves ahead becomes important. With Kendada Seragu, author-director Rocky Somli brings to life his own novel on the screen. The intention is honest, and the subject is handled with care, but the shift from page to screen doesn't always come through smoothly.

Kendada Seragu looks at women pushed to the edges, whose lives are shaped more by circumstance than by choice. The film opens on a strong note: a police officer stepping into a sex worker's house. There's firmness in the way she walks in, with no hesitation. This is Pavitra, played by Malashree, in a role that remains key to the story. Boomika Shetty, who plays the younger version of Malashree as Pavitra, becomes the thread that holds the film together, though the path that brings her here is layered and uneven.

The story then shifts to Netra (Shobitha), a young woman who begins life with hope, marriage, a newborn child, and a sense of stability, only for that stability to be shattered by her husband's sudden death. What follows is harsh. The same people who once stood at a distance begin to close in. Men show up at her door, not with concern but with claim. Left with little choice, Netra slips into sex work, and soon even her growing daughter becomes a point of conversation for the village. These portions stay with you. There's discomfort, and it is meant to sit that way.

Alongside this runs the track of Amulya (Prathima), a privileged girl from Theerthahalli who comes to Bengaluru for studies. Her life takes a turn when Sameer (Harish Arasu) pulls her in with the promise of love. What starts as affection slowly shifts, and she finds herself slipping into addiction and isolation. This stretch feels disconnected from the rest at times, even though it tries to show that vulnerability cuts across backgrounds.

The film settles again when it returns to Pavitra. She chooses not to repeat her mother's life, steps away, and rebuilds herself. Strength comes from memory, belief, and a quiet stubbornness. It also shows that not all men exploit; some stand by, support, and push women forward. The wrestling portions work more as a sign of that inner fight. Her journey into becoming an IPS officer comes through, even if some parts move too quickly.

RATING 2/5

Towards the end, Deepa (Sindhu Lokanath) brings the story full circle. It gives more weight to Pavitra's role, someone who now stands for others caught in similar traps. A few lines and moments linger, carrying that mix of pain and quiet strength.

Music stays in the background, supporting the mood and, at times, easing the jumps between scenes. The performances work well. Malashree, though seen briefly, inspires you, and the journey is shaped through Bhoomi Shetty's portions. Shobitha fits her part well, even if a few moments feel exaggerated. Prathima holds her space in the parallel track.

The film, however, finds it hard to stay together. The movement between stories feels sudden, and parts come across as separate pieces rather than flowing as one. A lot is being said, and not all of it gets the space it needs.

Still, *Kendada Seragu* stays with you for what it chooses to look at. It turns towards lives that are often spoken about in hushed tones, or not at all. There is no loud resolution here, just women moving through what they are dealt, finding ways to stand even when the ground keeps shifting. It leans more towards understanding how some are pushed into corners and, despite that, don't give in.

A strong premise lost in translation

KENDADA SERAGU
Director: Rocky Somli
Cast: Bhoomika Shetty, Malashree, Harish Arasu, Prathima Thakur, Shobitha M, Sindhu Loknath, and Yash Shetty

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

CHARLIE Chaplin once famously said: "My pain may be the reason for somebody's laugh. But my laugh must never be the reason for somebody's pain." Mr. Chaplin probably didn't have his derriere geysered up in the air, or got it charred on red-hot coal, or inflamed at the end of a burning candle; a string of assaults poor Paresh Rawal undergoes all in the course of one film. He also probably didn't have to sit through Akshay Kumar's signature, giddy giggle, which, once enjoyable, now felt shrill to the ears.

It's not merely a throwaway detail that *Bhooth Bangla* shares a title with the 1965 Mehmood-starrer which is widely credited to be the first Hindi horror-comedy. Priyadarshan, the director of the 2026 film, solidly introduced the genre and unintentionally paved the way for its "universification" back in 2007 with *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*. Some gags from it might not have aged well but the film had an exemplary balance of horror and humour. It gave you equal chills and chuckles. *Bhooth Bangla* starts with the same promise. For fans of Priyadarshan's brand of comedy with Akshay Kumar at the helm and Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav and the late Asrani in the mix, *Bhooth Bangla* seems like a nostalgia treat. It sets up patiently, with mood building and conversational humour but soon starts testing your patience. The punchlines come too late, too weak and the film often feels bloated, struggling to make you burst into laughter.

After being informed that his grandfather's demise has made him heir to a royal palace, London-bred Arjun Acharya (Akshay) lands in the fictional village of Mangalpur to use the haveli for his sister's wedding and also to pay off his debts. But the village is reeling under the curse of Vadhusur, a demon who abducts newly-wed brides. A marriage ceremony is a strict no-no but Arjun is adamant. He starts residing in the haunted house along with a motley group consisting of a wedding planner (Paresh Rawal) and his lightman nephew, played by Rajpal Yadav. What unfolds is classic slapstick humour where misunderstanding and confusion culminate into chaos.

Some scenes with Vadhusur jump-scaring as soon as the lights go out are done with the deftness of a competent horror filmmaker but they soon become repetitive and thus lose inventiveness. The laughs, however, are laboured with too much reliance on physical comedy than situational humour. Akshay slaps, kicks and loses his cool in a desperate attempt to evoke some giggles. The writing thins out soon and the film becomes a garbled mess borrowing ideas from everywhere be it *Lights Out* (2016) or *Stree 2* (2024).

The first half sails better as a traditional Priyadarshan-style closed-room comedy with Akshay, Paresh, Rajpal and Asrani bouncing off jokes, which mostly falter but some land. I would anyday take Akshay's comic struggle over Kartik Aaryan's. The second half, however, sidelines the humour and gets into laborious storytelling. Tabu makes an appearance. She even delivers an Ami Je Tomar-like dance but by this time you are dried up and everything slides off.

Bhooth Bangla suffers from a scattered screenplay and dated humour. It functions, feebly, as a greatest hits version of Priyadarshan's comedy classics. There is no setup or punchline, just a dead callback. I chuckled out of nostalgia. It's sad that a Priyadarshan film has become a better memory than an experience.

A dated comedy

RATING 2/5

BHOOTH BANGLA
Director: Priyadarshan
Cast: Akshay Kumar, Wamiqa Gabbi, Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav

Team Love Seasons

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There is a sense of honesty in *Love Seasons*: Rajesh Nataranga

THE makers of *Love Seasons*, who recently unveiled the teaser, are hoping to release the film by June. The teaser showcased candid insights into the film's theme, characters, and emotions. The romantic drama, which wrapped shooting a month ago, brings together fresh talent.

Actor Rajesh Nataranga, who plays a pivotal role, spoke about what drew him to the project. "What stood out for me was the director's craft and clarity. There is honesty in the way the story is told," he said, adding, "I play a responsible father. Love as a theme never gets old, and this film explores it in a way that connects across time. I hope audiences come forward to support and encourage such attempts."

NR Manjunath (Neelari), who is making his first production, has backed the film under the NR Studios banner. Director Kruthvik, who comes from a theatre background and has worked on films such as Kshatriya, Buddhivanta 2, and Gurudev Hoysala, described *Love Seasons* as a story that reflects present-day realities. "We are living in a time where it is difficult to trust anyone. This film is woven around that idea, around the magnetic force of belief and how love survives within it," he shared.

Lead actor Mukunda Ramaswamy, a theatre artist, spoke about stepping into the film's emotional space. "The story feels very close to life. My character goes through phases that many will relate to," he said. The film also stars Diya Keerthi and Chandana Gowda, who also believe that their roles carry a lot of emotional weight in the narrative.

Music director Veer Samarth said the film's songs will bring a different flavour. "We have tried to create something fresh. The music reflects the mood of the story and the complexity of relationships," he explained.

Shot across various parts of Bengaluru, *Love Seasons* is a romantic drama set against a world where trust is fragile and emotions run deep. The film's ensemble cast includes Mandya Ramesh, Sangeetha Anil, Jayatheertha, Chetan Durga, Sadanand, Huli Karthik, and Baby Rithu Singh. With cinematography by Avinash Shastry, editing by Madhu Thumbakere, and choreography by Bajrangi Mohan, the lyrics are penned by K Kalyan and Pramod Maravante.

Top Gun 3 in development

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PARAMOUNT Pictures has announced that a third instalment in the *Top Gun* universe is in development. Tom Cruise has been confirmed to reprise his role as Captain Pete Mitchell, known by the callsign Maverick, with Jerry Bruckheimer returning to produce the upcoming film.

Making the announcement, on Thursday at CinemaCon, Las Vegas, was Paramount Pictures' co-chair Josh Greenstein, who revealed that "a script is well underway." While a director is yet to be attached to the project, Ehren Kruger, who has written for *Top Gun: Maverick* (2022), will pen the script for the upcoming film.

Top Gun (1986), which was directed by Tony Scott, followed the exploits of Maverick, as navigates life in the titular US Naval Aviator academy. The sequel *Top Gun: Maverick* (2022), came 36 years after the first film, and found major critical and commercial success at the box office and collected $1.5 billion worldwide.

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Love and War* gets release date

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LOVE & War, the much anticipated Sanjay Leela Bhansali film, which stars Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Vicky Kaushal in lead roles, now has a release date. The romantic drama will arrive on January 21, 2027, coinciding with the Republic Day weekend next year. Mounted as a powerful, high-stakes emotional saga on a grand scale, Love & War marks Sanjay Leela Bhansali's most ambitious romantic project yet. Carrying the signature Bhansali stamp of immersive storytelling and visually rich cinematic world, the film is expected to deliver both scale and emotional depth for audiences worldwide. The film, which was announced in January 2024, has faced multiple delays on pre-production and shoot level. *Love & War* marks Bhansali's second collaboration with Ranbir as well as Alia — after *Saawariya* (2007) and *Gangubai Kathiawadi* (2022), respectively.

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Akshaya Tritiya: The Timeless Promise of Prosperity and Renewal

Akshaya Tritiya stands as one of the most revered and auspicious days in the Hindu and Jain calendars, embodying the promise of prosperity, purity and new beginnings. Observed on the third lunar day of the bright fortnight in the month of Vaishakha, this sacred occasion is believed to carry an energy that amplifies every good deed, making its benefits "akshaya" or inexhaustible.

Rooted deeply in tradition and spiritual belief, the festival is more than just a date on the calendar. It serves as a reminder that the seeds sown on this day, whether material or spiritual, continue to yield blessings without end.

The Meaning of Akshaya

The term "Akshaya" in Sanskrit translates to "never diminishing" or "eternal," while "Tritiya" refers to the third phase of the moon. Together, they signify a day when prosperity, success and happiness are believed to grow infinitely.

This belief has shaped how the festival is observed across generations. From investing in gold and property to beginning new ventures, people see Akshaya Tritiya as a moment when the universe aligns in their favour. At the same time, it encourages inner reflection through acts of charity, devotion and gratitude.

A Festival of Faith and Giving

Across India, the day is marked by devotion and generosity. Devotees visit temples, perform special prayers and offer food, grains and donations to those in need. Acts of kindness are believed to multiply manifold, making charity an essential part of the observance.

Women often pray for the well-being of their families and future partners, while rituals such as distributing sprouted grains, fruits and sweets symbolise nourishment and abundance. Fasting, recitation of sacred texts and participation in homas are also widely practised.

DR T A SHARAVANA
President of the Karnataka Jewellery Association

The Legend of Sudhama and Krishna

One of the most cherished stories associated with Akshaya Tritiya is the meeting of Sudhama and Krishna. Sudhama, a poor Brahmin and childhood friend of Krishna, visited him with a humble offering of beaten rice. Despite his hardships, he never asked for help.

Krishna, moved by his friend's sincerity, accepted the simple gift with immense love and blessed him with prosperity. Yet, the essence of the story lies not in wealth, but in devotion. Sudhama remained humble and spiritually grounded, ultimately attaining fulfilment beyond material riches.

This legend reflects the true spirit of Akshaya Tritiya - where intention and devotion matter more than the scale of offering.

The Akshaya Patra and the Mahabharata

Another significant legend comes from the Mahabharata. During their exile, the Pandavas received the Akshaya Patra, a divine vessel that provided unlimited food until Draupadi had eaten.

A critical moment arose when Sage Durvasa arrived after Draupadi had finished her meal. With nothing left to offer, she prayed to Krishna, who consumed the last remaining grains in the vessel. This act miraculously satisfied the hunger of the sage and his followers, saving the Pandavas from disaster.

The story reinforces the idea of divine grace and the inexhaustible blessings associated with this day.

Sacred Associations

Akshaya Tritiya is also believed to mark the birth of Parashurama, the sixth incarnation of Vishnu. In many regions, the day is observed as Parashurama Jayanti, honouring his role as a protector of dharma.

Other traditions associate the day with the beginning of the Treta Yuga and the descent of the river Ganga to Earth. In the Himalayas, temples such as Yamunotri and Gangotri reopen after winter, marking the start of the Char Dham pilgrimage season.

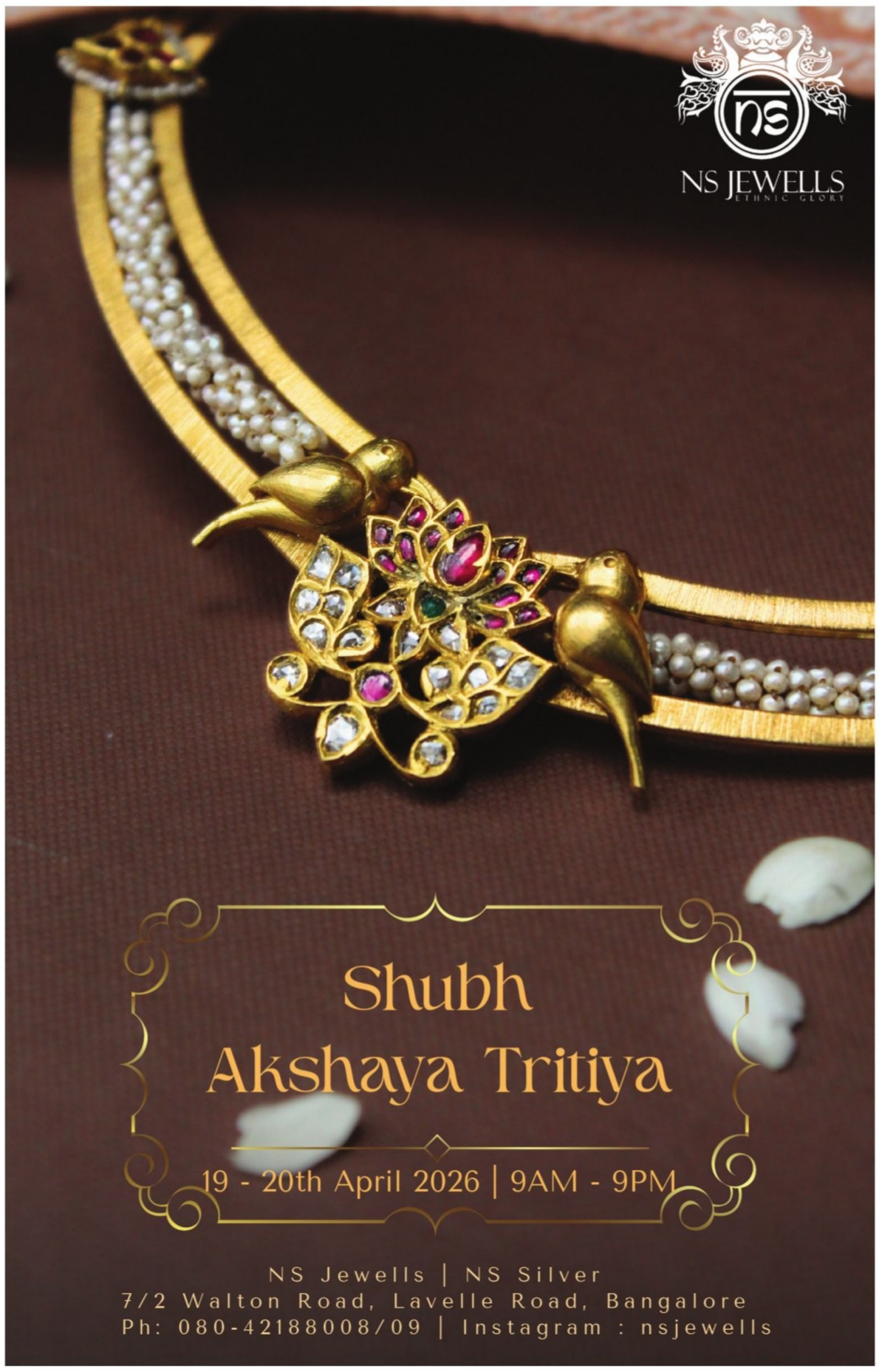
A Day for New Beginnings

Akshaya Tritiya is widely regarded as an ideal time to begin new ventures. Businesses are launched, investments are made and life decisions are taken without the need for elaborate astrological calculations.

Dr T A Sharavana, President of the Karnataka Jewellery Association and owner of Sri Sai Gold Palace, explains that the day is deeply rooted in the practice of "dana dharma" and meaningful beginnings. Traditionally, people mark the occasion by purchasing gold or silver, even in the smallest quantities, as a symbol of enduring prosperity.

He also notes a growing shift towards inclusivity, with many opting for lightweight jewellery so that everyone can participate in the tradition without financial strain.

Reflecting this approach, he adds, "At Sri Sai Gold Palace, we are offering a free 1 gram silver coin for every 1 gram of gold purchased, and a silver Lakshmi idol for purchases above Rs 50,000. Through this, we hope that the lives of everyone are filled with prosperity, positivity and divine grace."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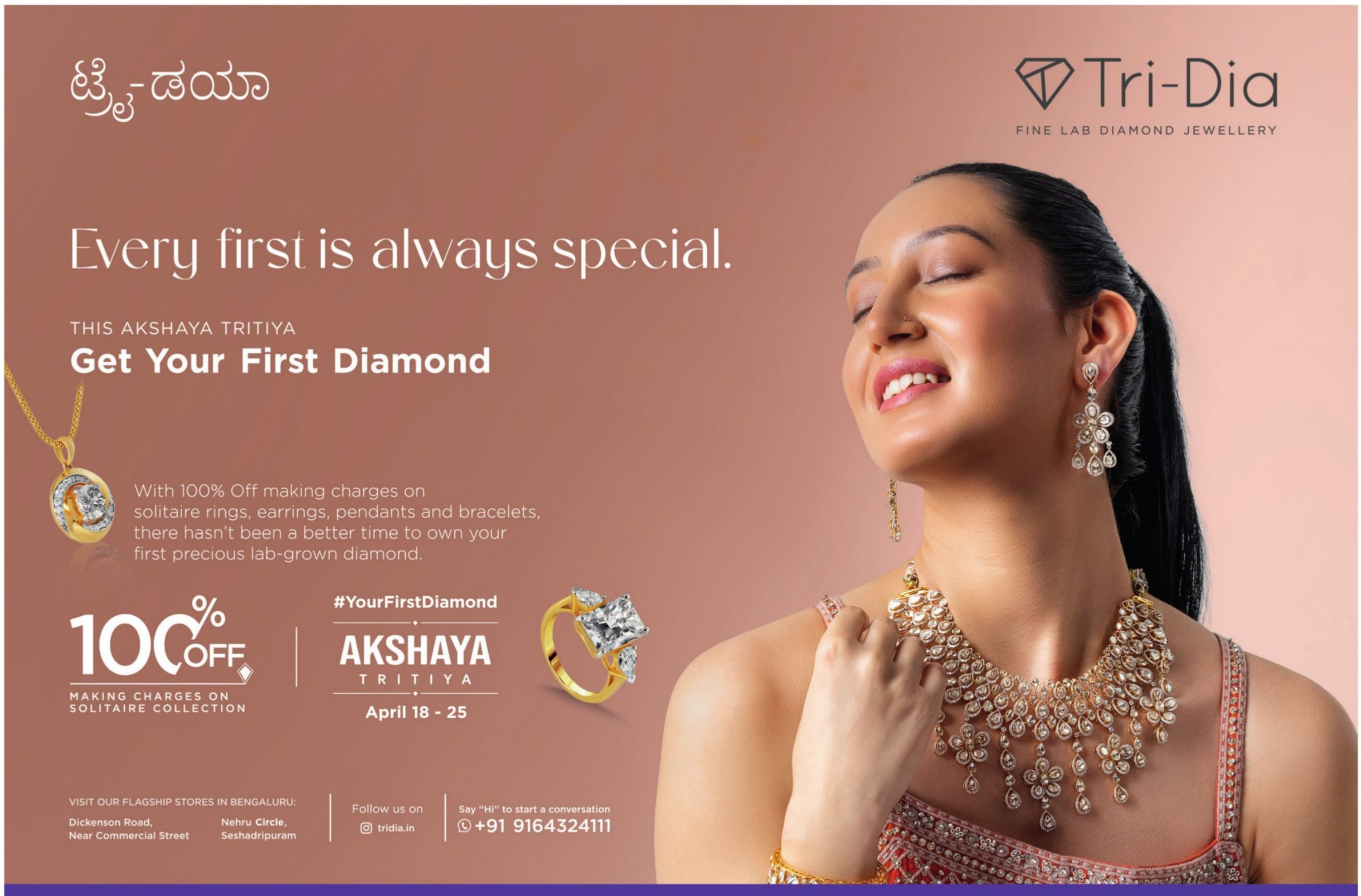
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